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Netanyahu dismisses Mordechai

Arens slated for defense

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night fired Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, accusing him of putting his own ambitions ahead of the interests of party, government and state.

"No man's personal interests can stand above the principles for which he was elected," said Netanyahu. "Any man who betrays the principles of those who voted for him is unfit to be among our ranks.... and so our ways must separate. Therefore you can no longer serve as defense minister in a Likud government."

The sacking takes effect in 48 hours or at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Netanyahu has asked Moshe Arens, a former defense minister, to take over from Mordechai.

Arens has reacted positively, according to Netanyahu, but promised a decision only after a party primary being held tomorrow to choose a candidate for prime minister. Arens is the only

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In an emotional response Mordechai accused Netanyahu of lying about him and described him as unfit to be prime minister.

"Tonight Mr. Netanyahu sent me a letter full of lies, slurs and inaccuracies, which befit a petty politician" said Mordechai. "The prime minister no longer deserves my personal faith and, I guess, that of the people of Israel."

In an indirect reference to the failure to implement the Wye accords, Mordechai said Netanyahu is "choosing to endanger everything we have achieved for his political needs... and I intend proposing, along with my partners, to establish an alternative leadership."

Netanyahu made his decision after it became clear that Mordechai would be leaving Likud for the center party, where he would join forces with Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Dan Meridor and Ronni Milo.

On Friday, Mordechai failed to register as a candidate with the Likud central committee for its vote to set the party's candidate list for the May 17 Knesset election.

As the 1 p.m. deadline passed Friday, Mordechai was meeting Shahak and Milo in a Tel Aviv cafe, discussing his future as leader of a unified center party. The meeting ended with a decision that Mordechai would head the center party's Knesset list, Israel Radio reported.

In his letter to Mordechai, Netanyahu accused him of flirting with leaders of other parties, while attempting to receive guarantees of continuing as defense minister with the Likud.

"Your personal ambition is stronger than any other consideration," wrote Netanyahu. "As someone chosen for the Knesset by Likud voters and appointed as defense minister by the prime minister who is Likud's leader, you held negotiations with opposition elements, whose aim is to overthrow the Likud government. You did this in order to guarantee your reign as defense minister on behalf of these elements. At the same time you approached me both directly and via messengers in an attempt to receive a written guarantee that your place as defense minister would be reserved in a government led by myself."

Netanyahu added: "I can't reserve any job at all for a person who [illegible] the policies and decisions of the government."

In response, Mordechai denied that he ever asked Netanyahu to guarantee him the defense job. A senior Likud source last night said Mordechai had made plain during a meeting yesterday afternoon that at no time had he asked for any guarantees from Netanyahu, but that it was in fact Netanyahu who had made the offer to him.

Netanyahu announced his decision about Mordechai at a meeting of party activists in Kfar Maccabiah, just after 8 p.m. Mordechai received the letter at a minute to eight and issued his response within minutes.

Speaking to reporters last night, Mordechai would not confirm that he is moving to the center party but sources there said agreement is imminent.

Milo said "Mordechai is capable of leading not only the center party, but also the whole State of Israel."

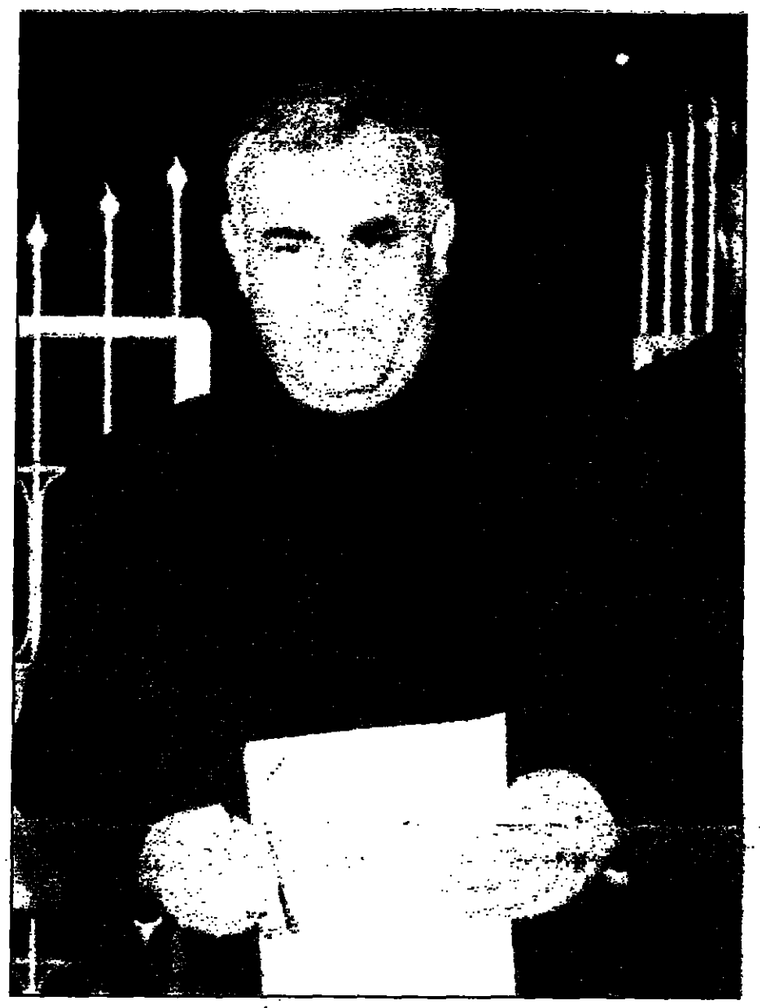
On Thursday, a survey was conducted to see who, among Shahak, Meridor and Mordechai would perform best in the race for prime minister. The results pointed to Shahak outperforming the others in the first round of voting but that in the likely event of a second round, Mordechai would prove to be the leading candidate from the Center.

Both Shahak and Milo have said they will back Mordechai in the no.1 slot if that will mean a greater chance of victory. Meridor, while more reticent, has also indicated he would support such a move.

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Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu puts on his reading glasses at the press conference in Tel Aviv last night, at which he announced the dismissal of Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (AP)



An angry Yitzhak Mordechai comes out of his home in Motza to make a statement last night after he was fired (AP)

You can't have your cake and eat it, too

BACKGROUND

By SARAH HONIG

Had Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu not fired his defense minister last night, it would have been a great surprise. Had Netanyahu kept Yitzhak Mordechai on for even a few days more, he would have demonstrated incredible weakness and would have made a laughingstock of himself.

Mordechai was not bound to toe Netanyahu's line, but when a central minister negotiates with the opposition behind his prime minister's back, he cannot expect to remain in office, – to have his cake and eat it, too.

No one was surprised, not even Mordechai, although Mordechai would have preferred to be the one handing Netanyahu the divorce papers. He did not enjoy the tongue-lashing in front of the entire Likud leadership and the TV cameras. It was not pleasant but not unexpected.

For nearly three years, Netanyahu handled his super-sensitive defense minister with kid gloves; yesterday he finally took them off. He also took the offensive and the initiative. He made Mordechai only the second minister ever to be fired (preceded by Shimon Peres, who was dismissed in 1990 by Yitzhak Shamir) and openly marked Mordechai as an opportunist, whose sole concern was securing the defense portfolio.

The blow to his image hurt Mordechai. For Mordechai, like David Levy, personal prestige is paramount and he does not take slights lightly. Perhaps this is why his voice shook so when he read his response.

He had help drafting it. When he got Netanyahu's letter of dismissal, he had been hosting the centrist trio – Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, Dan Meridor and Ronni Milo – in his home for another caucus. Also present was publicist Eyal Arad.

But Mordechai will have a difficult time refuting Netanyahu's accusation. Even those who conferred with him yesterday did not hide the fact that in recent days their talks with Mordechai revolved around guaranteeing him the defense portfolio in whatever sort of a coalition their party entered, as well as letting him have the party's top slot.

Moreover, for weeks now, Mordechai and his spokesmen have not bothered to deny numerous reports that he demanded the defense portfolio from Netanyahu again, even in a future national unity coalition.

Prior to the 1996 elections, Mordechai crowed openly about having been promised the defense portfolio. He never denied asking for it and he never denied that he asked then Labor chairman Peres for the same portfolio, prior to trying his luck in the Likud. Peres did not say yes and so Mordechai went after a better offer.

This is precisely what happened this time: Netanyahu did not say yes, so Mordechai went after the better offer yet again.

Mordechai's sacking now leaves him in the center party, but in a weaker position because he has lost his Likud alternative. Meridor, miffed by the deal that lets Mordechai have the prime ministerial candidacy, could squawk.

But in all, none of the centrists have many choices left. The center party was, in effect, born yesterday.

Netanyahu did more than just dismiss his defense minister last night. For once, he did not leave a vacuum. Moshe Arens's appointment (after his consent is secured) is a wise move from Netanyahu's political vantage point. Perhaps if he had Arens in his cabinet from the outset, things would have turned out quite differently for him.

But for now, Arens is a perfect choice. His mild manner and professorial image make him extremely appealing to the moderate hawks and floating voters. To them he is the elder statesman, who has twice before been defense minister (under Menachem Begin and Shamir) and who would allow them to sleep peacefully at night.

On the other hand, Arens is considerably more hawkish than Netanyahu and opposes the Wye Memorandum, which makes him appealing to the Right, whose support Netanyahu must win as well.

Arens's views mesh well with the policy to suspend Wye, and so Netanyahu can introduce greater internal harmony to his government.

He will also cement his leadership in the Likud. Arens will go through with his primary challenge to Netanyahu, and the new appointment might even bolster his standing. Significantly, Arens from the outset refrained from attacking Netanyahu, and vowed to support him if he wins tomorrow's primary. Thus it would be no problem for him to accept the defense portfolio.

Arens can always point to the Labor precedent in which despite repeated vicious leadership showdowns – not gentlemanly ones like the Arens-Netanyahu bout – Peres served in the late Yitzhak Rabin's government.

Clinton team slams Lewinsky

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON – White House counsel Charles Ruff yesterday attacked House prosecutors' legal efforts to compel Monica Lewinsky to meet with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Federal judge Norma Holloway Johnson ruled yesterday that Lewinsky must submit to interviews with Starr, with House managers allowed to attend, but also ruled that House prosecution managers could not force Lewinsky to meet with them alone.

The decision does not mean that Lewinsky will testify at Pres[illegible] Clinton's Senate impeach[illegible] trial, since the Senate is not [illegible] decide until tomorrow [illegible] any witnesses must test[illegible] closed deposition or [illegible] court.

But the development [illegible] to shatter the bipart[illegible]

Man remanded for seriously

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

[illegible]ler Brina, who is suspected of [illegible]erely beating his four-week-old [illegible] was remanded last night at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court until Thursday and ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Brina, 35, of Kiryat Ono, was arrested early yesterday morning after he and his wife brought the infant to the emergency room at Tel Hashomer's Sheba Hospital, with a serious head wound in addition to injuries on the rest of his body.

The infant was still in serious condition last night.

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Haifa Laborites may shun primaries

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The 25 branches of the Labor Party in the Haifa region, comprising 13,000 members, are threatening to boycott the party's primaries, unless the region is reserved a place relatively high on the party's Knesset list, according to MK Yona Yahav.

The region, which presently has three Labor MKs, is concerned none will be elected to the 15th Knesset as a result of next month's key party vote.

A committee headed by party chairman Ehud Barak was last night attempting to finalize the order of slots for the primaries, which are scheduled for mid-February.

Party workers confirmed that Haifa was likely to be placed 29th on the list, with Jerusalem in the 32nd slot.

As a result, Jerusalem MK Ophir Pines has already announced that he will only compete for a seat on the national list, rather than in the Jerusalem regional race.

The top 16 places are reserved for national candidates, for whom all party members are entitled to vote. Within the top 16, however, three places have already been pledged to Barak (1), Shimon Peres (2) and Ra'anan Cohen (7).

The remainder of the list is split between the various regions and sectors, such as immigrants.

The list is likely to number 40, with the party presently predicting that it will end up with 34 seats – its total in the current Knesset.

However, some polls are giving Labor only 25 seats; if this actually happens, Haifa and Jerusalem could have no designated Labor representation in the 15th Knesset.

In the last primaries, three years ago, the regions each received two seats, but as Labor received fewer seats in 1996 than previously it was decided that this time each region would only have one place on the 1999 list. In '96, the 16th and 34th places were reserved for Haifa.

This evening, representatives of the 25 branches in the region and its serving MKs, Yahav, Yossi Katz and Shevah Weiss (who will run on the national list), will discuss a proposal to boycott the primaries unless a slot for Haifa is given one of the top 20 places on the list.

Regional party workers explained that in the Haifa region, the vote for Labor in the general elections is some 15 percent higher than that in other parts of the country and that its 13,000 members are 10% of the overall Labor Party membership. Therefore, they believe, the region deserves better treatment.

Prospective candidates for Labor's list have until noon today to register their interest. The party expects more than 100 people to run.

Likud votes for leader tomorrow

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Moshe Arens will tomorrow face-off in the battle for the leadership of the Likud.

The party's 160,000 members are entitled to participate in voting, with the result being declared at 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Netanyahu is considered by far the favorite, strongly supported in both the central committee and at grassroots level. Last night Arens refused to discuss Netanyahu's offer of the defense portfolio.

Meanwhile, 87 Likud members registered as candidates for the party's Knesset list, when it closed on Friday afternoon.

Besides Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who was dismissed last night, other veteran Likud MKs who did not register include prime-ministerial candidates Begin and Meridor, Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and MK David Re'em.

Several positions on the list are reserved: 10, 20, 30 and 35 for women, 21 for minorities, 28 for immigrants and 31 for young party members.

Voting will take place on February 8 among the 2,700 members of the party's central committee.



Science Minister Silvan Shalom submits his candidacy for the May 17 elections Friday at Likud Party headquarters in Tel Aviv. Friday was the last day for Likud candidates to file. (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

ON THE RECORD

• Any man who betrays the principles of those who voted for him is unfit to be among our ranks...and so our ways must separate. Therefore you can no longer serve as defense minister in a Likud government – Prime Minister **Binyamin Netanyahu** quoting from his letter dismissing Defense Minister **Yitzhak Mordechai**

• Tonight Mr. Netanyahu sent me a letter full of lies, slurs and inaccuracies, which are appropriate for a petty politician. The prime minister no longer deserves my personal faith, and I guess, that of the people of Israel – Defense Minister **Yitzhak Mordechai**, in response.

I'm in the middle of a primary campaign and until the votes are counted and we find out what the results are, I'm not going to make any comments – **Moshe Arens** on the possibility of his becoming defense minister.

We all know that the Likud is in dire straits. The best of its sons are leaving, and the loyalty of others is wavering. We need to begin talking about the real issues of the day – the political and social issues troubling this country – and stop with all the dirty politics – **Arens**, on January 14, during a visit to Hebron

Netanyahu's inability to command the faith of people – both his ministers and leaders in the region and world – a phenomenon we've all witnessed tonight, is damaging the interests of the state – Labor Party leader **Ehud Barak** in response to Mordechai's departure from the government.

Meretz to choose list today

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Meretz chooses its list of election candidates today, the first party to select its potential MKs.

Today's vote among members of the party's 950-strong council is to select a panel of 27 from 59 candidates.

Any MK who has already served through two parliaments – which takes into account all nine MKs – must receive at least 60 percent support in order to be selected for the panel.

On February 9, the party's 3,000-member caucus will then prioritize the list from the second slot onwards.

The leadership vote will also take place today, with the leader guaranteed the no. 1 spot on the list.

There are six candidates for the leadership, including the present incumbent Yossi Sarid, MK Dedi Zucker and party secretary-general Hanan Erez. Two of the candidates, Sarid and journalist Gideon Spiro are only contesting the leadership of the party and their names will not appear on the wider list.

In the top ten places, there must be three women, three new faces and an Arab, with at least one woman in the top five.

Among the new faces likely to appear on the list is Peace Now head Mossi Raz.

NEWS

in brief

SLA soldier wounded

Hizbullah guerrillas, claiming responsibility, launched a heavy mortar barrage against South Lebanese Army positions yesterday afternoon, lightly wounding at least one militiaman, security sources said.

One of the positions also suffered damage, the sources said. IDF and SLA artillery fired back, IDF sources said.

IDF troops staged a raid in south Lebanon earlier, targeting bomb-laying squads near "hostile" villages in the central sector north of the security zones. The army said that the villages were used as launching pads for guerrillas laying explosives against IDF and SLA forces. Military sources said Israeli forces suffered no casualties. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Arafat, Mubarak hold talks on ME peace

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in Egypt yesterday for talks on Middle East peace efforts, presidential officials said.

The two leaders met in Sharm e-Sheikh shortly after Arafat arrived in the Red Sea resort. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who also attended the talks, called peace-making under Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu a failure. *Reuters*

Palestinians get an international area code

Imad Falouji, the Palestinian Telecommunications Minister, announced yesterday that the Palestinian Authority has been granted its own international telephone area code- 970- which should be operational by March. Previously, Palestinians have been using 972, Israel's international code.

The code was reserved for the PA in November by the UN-affiliated International Telecommunications Union. The PA Cabinet said Friday that the decision was a welcome "recognition of Palestinian national independence and sovereignty." *AP*

Two women murder victims found

Miriam Avraham, 46, a divorced mother of four, was found strangled in her Petah Tikva home on Friday. Her bound and gagged body was discovered by a family friend who became concerned when Avraham did not meet with him as scheduled.

In Moshav Mesua in the Jordan Valley, the body of Shenka Shabas, 73, was discovered by visiting relatives. Police believe that Shabas was beaten and strangled by intruders who also ransacked her house. It has not been determined whether or the crime had a nationalist motivation. *Itim*

Body returned from India

The body of Capt. Nadav Mentzer, who had been missing in India since September 1997, was brought home Thursday night, the IDF spokesman said.

All trace of Mentzer was lost while he was in India on a private tour unconnected with the IDF. His body was found recently. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Woman soldier arrested for computer virus

Military police arrested a woman soldier last Wednesday on suspicion of deliberately wiping out her unit's computer system. The soldier confessed to infecting the computers with a lethal virus- called "Poom"- to spite her comrades. The soldier's boyfriend, who designed the virus and assisted in its implementation, was arrested by the police fraud squad computer crime unit.

The IDF said that computer crime was high on the military police agenda and that dozens of investigators have been trained to handle such probes. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Four die, at least four injured in road accidents

A woman driver was killed yesterday afternoon and another person was seriously injured in a crash near Pardesiya yesterday, while two other women from Netanya died and three others were injured in a collision between a truck and a car on the coastal highway near Shefayim. A fourth road victim was a truck driver killed Friday when his vehicle overturned in the Arava.

The accident near Pardesiya occurred after a private vehicle overtook another and crashed head on into oncoming traffic.

Those killed in the Shefayim crash were identified as Amelia Schkolnikov, 51 and Anna Metayiv, 32, from Netanya. The other victims were not identified. *Itim*

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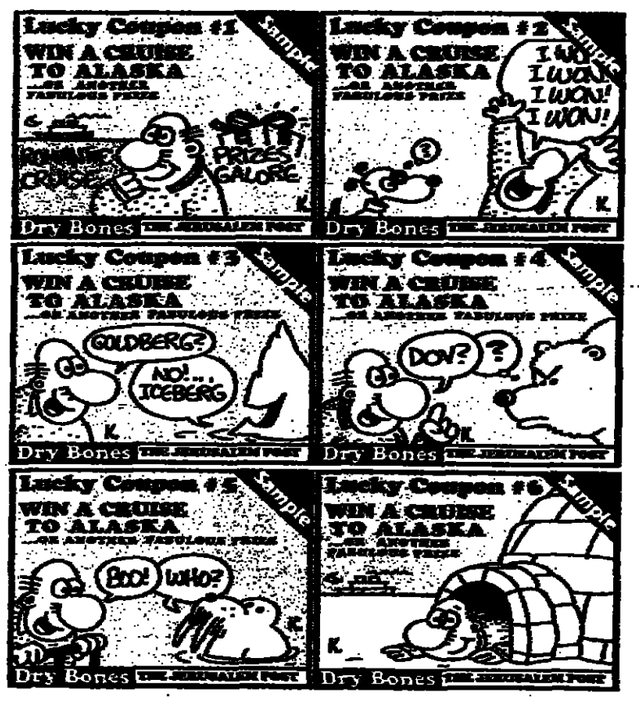
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Swiss Holocaust agreement finalized

Terms reached for defining eligible victims

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK –The Swiss banks, Holocaust survivors' lawyers and the World Jewish Restitution Organization reached an agreement on the details of their $1.25 billion settlement after a "three-corner" negotiating session in Brooklyn that began Thursday evening and ended in the early hours of Friday morning.

Meeting in an informal session with US Federal Judge Edward Korman, lawyers for survivors, the banks UBS and Credit Suisse, as well as the WJRO, hammered out a definition for the classes of people who would be eligible for compensation according to the settlement.

The agreement, which one lawyer called "60 pages of dense legal language," is due to be signed this week, more than five months after the settlement was announced.

"We were all embarrassed that it is taking this long to get this thing under way," plaintiffs' lawyer Burt Neuborne said Friday. "There are elderly people who need this money. It is not acceptable to delay. I think that sense of urgency was recognized and acknowledged by everyone."

Despite a widely held perception that the $1.25 billion is to be shared by all Holocaust survivors, the settlement terms call for the funds to be divided among classes of victims, sources said. These are: depositors and heirs of the hoarded or unclaimed Swiss bank accounts; those whose assets were looted and then laundered through the Swiss banks; two categories of slave laborers; and refugees who were turned away by Switzerland during World War II.

The beneficiaries are, for the most part, limited to Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Romanis (Gypsies), homosexuals and the disabled.

The next step involves the "special master" of the case. Manhattan attorney Judah Gribetz, who will be appointed this week by Korman. The master's task is to hear suggestions on how the settlement should be allocated. Gribetz ultimately will recommend a distribution plan to Korman, who will make the final decision on how the funds will be divided.

There were numerous points of contention that had delayed the agreement. The WJRO had sought a special advisory role to the master, which was opposed by the survivors' lawyers, in part because the WJRO itself is said to be seeking funds from the settlement. The banks, meanwhile, had insisted that the WJRO sign off on the agreement.

After some four hours of negotiations Thursday night between the WJRO and survivors' lawyers, it was agreed that the WJRO should be a "party" to the settlement in recognition of its role in the Swiss banks issue.

Korman had indicated that he would not accept any special adviser to the master. "I am not going to do anything that is going to create the reality or the impression that anyone has an inside track," one source quoted Korman as saying during the negotiating session.

"Everyone agrees it is a completely level playing field," Neuborne, a professor at New York University Law School, said, referring to the distribution of the settlement.

The agreement releases UBS, Credit Suisse and other commercial banks, the Swiss National Bank, the Swiss government and Swiss industry, other than insurance companies, from all Holocaust-related claims. The Swiss government, however, was not a direct party to the talks.

"The Federal Council expresses its hope that this final settlement will promptly benefit the victims of the Holocaust," the Swiss government said Friday in a statement in Bern. "This settlement provides a closure of all the financial claims raised against Switzerland."

When the settlement was announced in August, it appeared to release Switzerland and its institutions, other than insurers, from all claims from all parties. However, there were serious differences in interpretation over who would be covered in the classes.

The WJRO had argued that only Jews should be included, but later agreed to include Jehovah's Witnesses, Romanis, homosexuals and the disabled, two lawyers said. The rationale was that Jewish organizations fought for the agreement, called it a "Jewish settlement," and said that if they had to share it too broadly, they would not sign it, according to lawyers from both sides.

The effect, though, is to exclude a large proportion of potential beneficiaries who are non-Jewish Nazi victims, specifically Poles and Ukrainians.

"The accounts that were dormant are a small part of the settlement," said one lawyer, who declined to be identified. "The main issue is unjust enrichment of banks from German-conducted slave labor and looting. Probably the largest group of slave labor was Poles."

The so-called "deposited-assets, looted-assets and refugee" classes are limited to the five groups named as victims of Nazi persecution. The slave labor claims against the banks, which refer to the banks handling profits of slave labor, also are limited.

The slave labor claims against Swiss companies that used forced labor, and their German affiliates, are to be distributed among all the victims.

There also were reports Friday that Christoph Meili, the Swiss bank guard who was fired after salvaging Holocaust-era documents that were to be shredded by UBS, would receive compensation from the settlement.

Last January, Meili filed a suit against the bank, seeking $60 million for himself as well as damages on behalf of the Swiss people. Last November, he received a full, four-year scholarship at a private school, Chapman University in Orange County, California. During his studies, Meili and his family will be supported by Holocaust survivors and the Jewish community.

The Palestinian Police has been asked to arrest the suspects from Tulkarem, a city under Palestinian Authority control. According to Sivan, the Palestinian force has failed to help solve previous cases of taxi thefts.

The arrests were made Friday after the couple from Acre attempted to rob a taxi driver near Tulkarem. According to police, the couple had hired the cab in Ashdod and asked to be driven to Tulkarem where they said they had to pick up a car that had undergone repairs.

The driver noticed that a Palestinian passenger they picked up on the way was holding a knife. After a struggle, the Palestinian fled from the car. Then the taxi sped off to the nearest IDF outpost where the driver turned over the two Israeli suspects, police said.

According to Sivan, the suspects from Acre had taken orders from a Palestinian gang in Tulkarem to bring them taxis from central Israel.

In previous instances, a Palestinian would be picked up on the way under the pretext of showing them how to get to a Tulkarem garage. Then the driver would be forced out of the cab at knifepoint and the vehicle would be driven away into a PA-controlled area.

Ring members would also divide up money found in the taxi, police said. According to Sivan, the two Israelis in custody were paid NIS 1,000 for every taxi ordered.

Meanwhile Judea and Samaria police arrested 14 Palestinians suspected of stealing cars on Thursday night during raids on scores of villages.

The arrests followed the establishment two weeks ago of a special police unit to deal with thefts of vehicles believed being taken to the West Bank.



Remembering the 35

Jonathan Mass lights a torch Friday at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl in memory of the 35-member group known in Hebrew as the 'lamed-heh,' who were killed while trying to bring ammunition to besieged Gush Etzion during the Independence War. Mass' brother Danny Mass, one of those who fell, was a Palmah officer who commanded 'the lamed-heh.' (Yossi Loeff)

3 held on suspicion of joint taxi theft ring with Palestinians

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Three Israelis suspected of involvement in a joint taxi theft ring with Palestinians were due to be remanded last night by Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, after being arrested on Friday while attempting to steal a cab.

The suspects include a couple in their late 20's from Acre and a third is from Tamra, police said.

Judea and Samaria police spokesman Opher Sivan said that a fourth suspect from Tamra is still at large. The suspects are believed to have worked in collaboration with three Palestinians from Tulkarem.

Sivan said that the suspects have admitted to stealing six taxis. In all, he added, 20 taxis have been reported stolen in the last six months.

Arab bloc demands GA session on settlements

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK – The 22-member Arab bloc at the UN is expected to call for yet another round of an emergency session of the General Assembly on Israeli settlements, almost two years after Palestinian vexation with Har Homa led to the special sessions as well as to agitation for an unprecedented conference of a Geneva Convention.

"The Arab Group is now in the process of contacting different geographical and political groups, and the president of the General Assembly, with a view to requesting a reconvening of the special session on the question of Israeli settlement policies," Ambassador Hussein Hassouna told Reuters last week.

The emergency session likely would be at the beginning of February, sources said. It was first convened in April 1997 and has been reconvened three times since then, most recently in March 1998.

The emergency sessions were invoked after the US twice vetoed Security Council resolutions that would have condemned Israel for plans to build housing at Har Homa.

By overwhelming majorities, these sessions condemned Israel. However, votes of the 185-member General Assembly are not binding.

At the second emergency session, in July 1997, the assembly also urged Switzerland to convene a conference of the 188 parties to the convention to discuss its enforcement "in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem."

No such conference has been held since the Geneva Conventions were adopted in 1949. The international protocols, which bar settlements in occupied territories, offer no guidelines on the mechanics of convening such a conference.

(Switzerland, saying it feared that the humanitarian law would become politicized, instead has convened meetings of "experts" on the convention. They determined that the question of applying the Geneva Convention was not technical, according to a Swiss diplomat at the UN, Jean-Francois Paroz.

"It's a political or a juridical problem," he said, noting that many states do not accept the terms of the conventions, and the states with the gravest humanitarian threats, such as Bosnia and Rwanda, have not agreed to be bound by the Geneva rules.

Israel contends it observes the humanitarian provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention but it disputes that the convention applies to the territories.

Further, one western diplomat noted that the Palestinians originally sought the emergency session because of grievances over what began as dispute over housing construction. "This is not a major violation [of human rights], not when we have massacre and torture," he said, referring to the recent massacre in Kosovo.

Switzerland also has sponsored talks including the International Red Cross, Israel and the Palestinians.

"The General Assembly cannot force Switzerland or the parties to hold a convention," said Paroz.

Switzerland is an observer, not a member, of the UN.

Olmert in Japan for visit

By MIKE JACOBS

TOKYO – Ehud Olmert had a rapid and busy tour of Japan last week; presenting an award, giving a lecture, speaking at a press luncheon, attending the opening of his wife's Tokyo art exhibition and also finding time to meet with the Japanese prime minister and foreign minister.

Officially, the main purpose of Olmert's trip was to present the "Faithful to Jerusalem" Award to Father Otsuki, founder of the Holy Jesus Society in Kyoto; a city once the nation's capital and now the spiritual capital of Japan for many differing sects of Buddhism.

After being welcomed by the country's senior ministers, Olmert said: "I was very honored that they should find time for me simply as a city mayor.

"We may have differing perspectives of Middle East issues, but there's a deep understanding in Israel of Japan's role in Middle East affairs," he added.

Pointing out that economic development is the stabilizing element for peace negotiations, Olmert said he believed Japan will be a great help in this respect.

Olmert told a packed luncheon at the Foreign Correspondent's Club of Japan that "all Jerusalem residents, Jews or Arabs, enjoyed democratic processes and hated anything laid down by the gun.

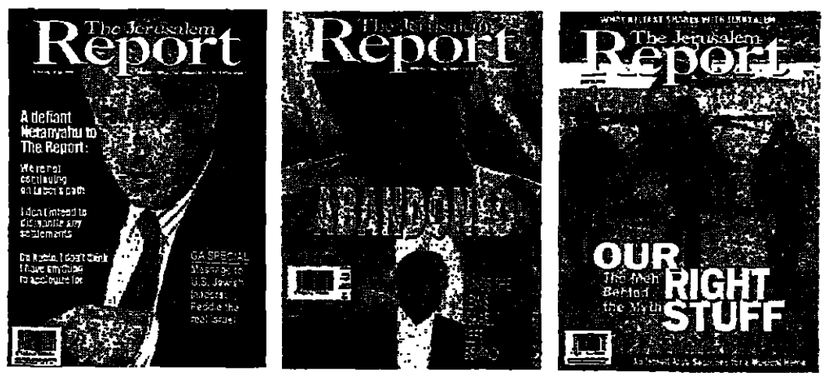
"I received many Arab votes when I was elected as mayor, because they can criticize me openly and remain alive. It will be a great day when an Arab stands as mayor of Jerusalem, but I warn everybody... I'll fight any Jew or Arab to keep my job."

He was critical of Binyamin Netanyahu's tenure as prime minister, saying "Netanyahu may be cutting his own political throat. It's the first time a political leader has parted from their party's platform."

The mayor's wife, Aliza, was the main attraction at the NIKKO Gallery in Tokyo, where her exhibition, "The Greener Grass" opened last week.

Displays of green-painted "domestic trivia," under a heading of contemporary art, pleasantly surprised Japanese viewers, besides "stretching my imagination," as one confessed.

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Kidnapping of Serb civilians creates new standoff in Kosovo

By ROBERT H. REID

PRISTINA (AP) – International peace monitors tried yesterday to defuse another dangerous standoff in Kosovo after separatist ethnic Albanian guerrillas seized five Serb villagers.

Serb sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were optimistic the five would be released.

The monitors were said to be negotiating with the rebels, but there were no details.

The kidnapping Friday came as international officials pressured government forces and the rebel Kosovo Liberation Army to stop attacks in the separatist province in Serbia, Yugoslavia's dominant republic.

Condemned by the Yugoslav government for accusing its security forces of the January 15 massacre of 45 ethnic Albanians in the village of Racak, the monitors urged KLA leaders to release the five Serbs, the state news agency Tanjug reported late Friday.

"I think that was a very, very uncivilized thing for them to do, to kidnap civilians," said US diplomat William Walker, who heads an international mission monitoring the fragile truce in Kosovo. "I want to condemn it." Walker, who spoke as he headed out of Pristina for a tour of the province, also referred to "a good bit of military activity" yesterday in Kosovo, despite mounting international pressure to stop the violence.

He did not elaborate and there were no early reports of major clashes. The Serbs, however, have been reinforcing positions in northern Kosovo over the past few days, with at least five tanks dug in just off the main highway from Belgrade.

The kidnapping of elderly Serbs from their homes occurred before dawn in the village of Nevoljane, about 25 kms. northwest of Pristina, the Serb Media Center said.

Serbian police told Tanjug they were searching for the "terrorists," their term for KLA rebels, and "taking measures" to free the abducted civilians. It wasn't clear if that meant they planned a security sweep targeting rebel strongholds and villages, as in previous actions.

International verifiers were standing by their initial finding that Serb police were to blame for the Racak massacre.

Walker said in Pristina that only the definition of "massacre" was at issue.

A report by the Kosovo Verification Mission on the Racak killings, obtained Friday, confirmed that monitors found "evidence of arbitrary detentions, extra-judicial killings and the mutilation of unarmed civilians" by Yugoslav security forces.

But in a report Friday in the Belgrade daily newspaper *Politika*, Serb authorities reiterated that all those killed in Racak were guerrillas who died in a battle the verifiers witnessed.

Walker's expulsion from the country for blaming Serb forces was suspended by Yugoslavia early Friday. In Washington, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said suspending Walker's expulsion "is necessary but not sufficient" for resolving the crisis.

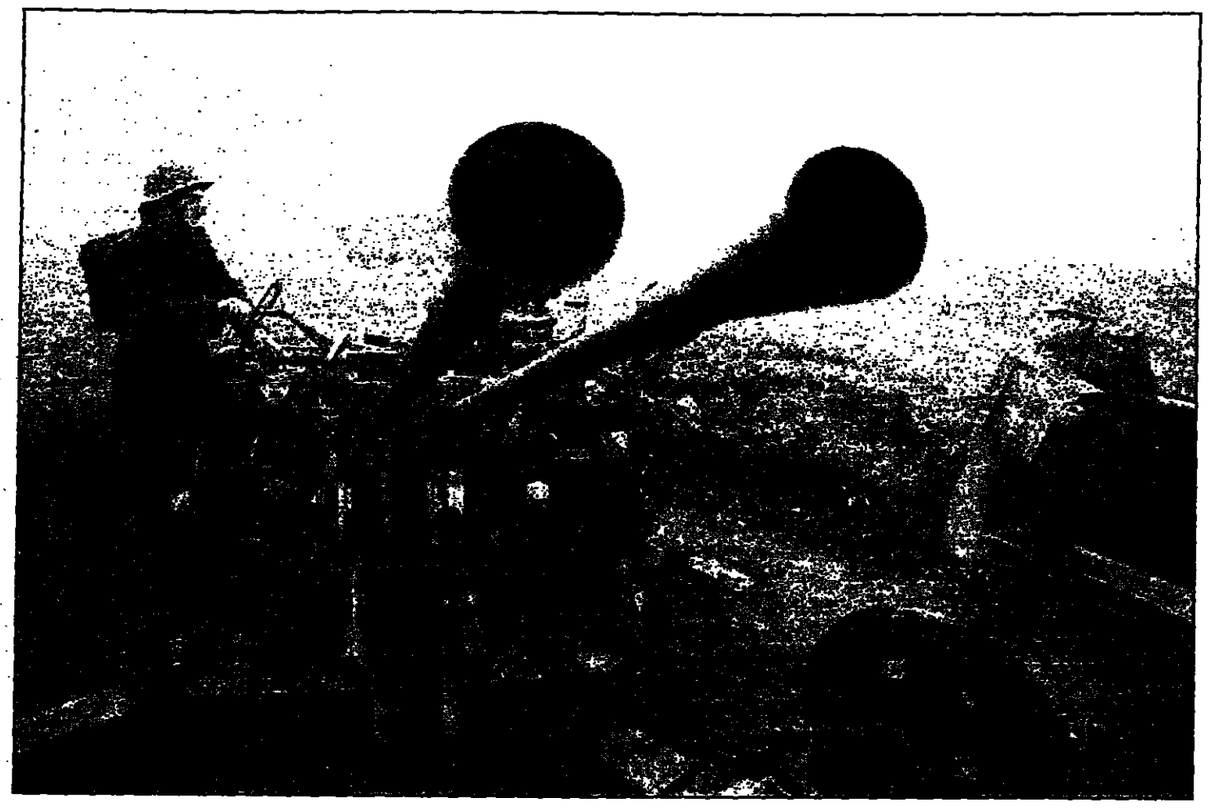
The January 15 massacre, the biggest blow yet to an October cease-fire agreement, unleashed a storm of international condemnation and threats of NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia for failure to comply with the peace agreement.

More than 2,000 people have been killed in fighting between separatist guerrillas and Yugoslav and Serbian forces in Kosovo.

NATO ambassadors, gathering in Brussels, Belgium, announced further preparations Friday for air strikes against Yugoslavia and also discussed ways of "reining in" ethnic Albanian rebels.

US and European diplomats meeting in London condemned Serb actions and also drew up a proposal to be put to the Belgrade government and ethnic Albanians next week in an effort to start political talks.

Albanian-language media reported yesterday that a delegation from Kosovo's ethnic Albanian assembly was planning to go to the Albanian capital of Tirana in the next few days for talks on a joint negotiating stand.



An anti-aircraft Albanian unit trains Friday near the border with Yugoslavia's Kosovo province. (AP)

WORLD
in brief

Ten found murdered in Philippines

MANILA (AP) – The bodies of 10 men have been found inside five steel barrels in a remote village north of Manila, authorities said yesterday.

A wood cutter discovered the steel barrels, marked "New Zealand Milk Products," late Friday in a ravine in Norzagaray in Bulacan province, police said.

Police made the gruesome discovery after using acetylene torches to open the barrels. They found two bodies covered in cement in each of the five barrels.

Relatives said the men had been missing since attending a birthday party last Wednesday in the northern Manila suburb of Valenzuela.

Police refused to speculate on the motive for the killings.

20 killed in Sudan

KHARTOUM (Reuters) – More than 20 people were killed in western Sudan this week in tribal clashes over pasture, a privately-owned Sudanese newspaper reported yesterday.

Al-Rai al-Am said a group of nomads and Mesalit tribesmen had fought over grazing rights on the outskirts of Geneina, some 1,000 kilometers west of Khartoum.

Rivalry over scarce water resources and grazing areas have sparked many bloody conflicts in western Sudan in the past.

Princess Caroline of Monaco marrying

MONTE CARLO (Reuters) – Princess of Caroline of Monaco was to marry her longtime German lover Prince Ernst of Hanover in a civil ceremony at the Monte Carlo town hall yesterday, officials of the tiny Riviera principality said.

The royal family has made no public announcement of the marriage but word leaked out after Prince Rainier, Caroline's father, wrote to French President Jacques Chirac to inform him of the coming event.

The marriage was to take place on the princess's 42nd birthday.

Princess Caroline, Prince Rainier's eldest child, has kept largely out of the media glare since the death of her second husband, Stefano Casiraghi, in a powerboat accident off the French Riviera in 1990.

Prince Edward to marry in June

LONDON (Reuters) - Britain's Prince Edward (34), Queen Elizabeth's last bachelor son, will marry his long-time girlfriend, Sophie Rhys-Jones (33), on June 19, a spokesman for Buckingham Palace said. The wedding will take place in St George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, the Queen's residence just west of London.

Romanian govt. settles with coal miners

BUCHAREST (AP) – Striking miners ended a violent five-day march to Romania's capital Friday after reaching a deal with the government, avoiding a threatened state of emergency.

Prime Minister Radu Vasile emerged from four hours of talks with union leaders at a monastery in the central city of Cozia, saying, "Neither the miners nor the government won. Only the country won, because there will be peace," Vasile said.

After five days of clashes injured 190 people, mostly police officers, the government sent hundreds of military vehicles to keep the angry miners from reaching the capital.

N. Korea: US threatens nuclear war

TOKYO (Reuters) – North Korea accused the US yesterday of pushing the Korean peninsula to the brink of nuclear war.

"It is the final goal of the US warmongers to stifle the Korean socialist system with nuclear attacks," said a commentary in the North Korean official party newspaper Rodong Sinmun.

The paper, monitored in Tokyo, said that unless the United States changes direction, "an armed conflict, that is a nuclear war, is unavoidable".

The paper said that the US had made the threat to use nuclear weapons against North Korea at the 20th Military Committee Meeting with South Korea earlier this week.

Pyongyang said it is ready to meet the US challenge and that it will attack the US mainland if the US "attempts to inflict a nuclear holocaust on the DPRK (North Korea)".

ANC renegade shot to death

RICHMOND, South Africa (AP) – A man who helped form an opposition party after his 1997 ouster from President Nelson Mandela's ruling party was fatally shot today.

Sifiso Nkabinde, who had been kicked out of the African National Congress because of allegations he had spied for apartheid police, was killed when gunmen opened fire early today on him and two other people outside a shopping center, police said.

No details were immediately available on the condition of the other two victims.

Bantu Holomisa, leader of Nkabinde's opposition United Democratic Movement, said he suspected the "barbaric" attack was politically motivated. He urged UDM supporters to resist the temptation for revenge attacks.

"We appeal to the people of Richmond to assist the police in tracking down the perpetrators," he said.

ANC leaders had accused Nkabinde of being a central figure in political violence that has plagued the KwaZulu-Natal region for over a decade.

But in a trial last year, Nkabinde was acquitted on charges of killing 16 people. The judge ruled for acquittal, saying prosecutors had lied and witnesses sounded as if they had been coached.

Nkabinde said in an interview last year with The Associated Press that ANC leaders implicated him in factional fighting for political reasons, and denied any involvement in the violence.

Yeltsin holds meeting in hospital

MOSCOW (Reuters) – Russian President Boris Yeltsin, in hospital recovering from a stomach ulcer, held a lengthy meeting with his chief of staff yesterday and was keen to leave hospital, the Kremlin said.

However, chief spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin said Yeltsin would not be allowed to check out for another week at least, depending on his doctors' opinion.

"He is very active, he really wants to leave the hospital," Yakushkin told Reuters Television News.

"He will stay in the Central Clinical Hospital until the end of (next) week, that's for sure. Every extra day he spends in the hospital is good for him, that is what the doctors are saying."

Another Kremlin spokesman said after Yeltsin's meeting with Nikolai Bordyuzha: "Boris Nikolayevich is in working mood and feels well enough to hold an hour-long conversation." Yeltsin was rushed to hospital on Sunday with a bleeding stomach ulcer.

Doctors have decided he does not require surgery and the ulcer can be treated with drugs.

Yakushkin said doctors had allowed him to walk around in his hospital room. "He is never in bed. He works all the time sitting at the table," he said.

Both spokesmen said Yeltsin and Bordyuzha had discussed the political and economic situation in Russia, as well as a number of international issues such as Iraq and Kosovo.

Clinton seeks funds to battle terrorism

By STEVE HOLLAND

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – President Bill Clinton drew a nightmarish portrait of 21st century terrorism and asked Congress for more than $2.8 billion to defend against chemical and germ warfare and protect computer networks.

"If we prepare to defend against these emerging threats, we will show terrorists that assaults on America will accomplish nothing but their own downfall," Clinton said Friday in a speech at the National Academy of Sciences.

Clinton said his proposed budget for the 2000 fiscal year starting next October 1, which he is to present to Congress on February 1, will include requests for $2.85b. for the effort. That breaks down to $1.46b. for computer security and critical infrastructure protection, and $1.39b. for domestic readiness against an attack with weapons of mass destruction, both hefty increases over the current budget.

The budget request also proposes over $7b. for conventional counter-terrorism security programs.

Clinton described a world of frightening terror scenarios involving nerve gas and germ attacks and computer hacking that, until now, have largely been the province of thriller novels.

"This is not a cause for panic," he said. "It is a cause for serious, deliberate, disciplined, long-term concern."

3 Christians burned alive in India

By BANDITA DAS

BHUBANESWAR, India (Reuters) – An Australian-born Christian missionary and his two sons were burned alive when the vehicle in which they were sleeping was set alight, police and officials said yesterday.

"They were sleeping inside their vehicle which was set on fire by some miscreants," a local police official said. The incident took place in the eastern Indian state of Orissa.

Police said 58-year-old Graham Stewart Staine and his two sons, Philip, 10 and Timothy, eight, were burned to death in the incident.

"His two sons, Philip and Timothy who had come from Australia for vacation, also died of burns," said Sujit Das, a senior Interior Ministry official in Orissa.

Staine had arrived from neighboring Baripada town to attend a meeting at a local church. His wife and daughter had stayed at Baripada.

Local police said the incident occurred early yesterday at Manoharpur in Keonjhar district, about 200 kilometers from the state capital. The village church was also burned down.

Staine had been working among tribal peoples and lepers for the last 30 years in the state, officials said.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee condemned the attack and asked for speedy action to punish the culprits.

"The prime minister expressed extreme shock at the incident. The Prime Minister has asked the state government to bring the culprits to book immediately and without delay."

BK Mudli, President of Bhubaneswar Christian Community, said: "No more the minorities, especially Christians, feel secure in the country. This ghastly incident is condemnable. Both the centre and the state government should immediately take proper steps to nab the culprit," said JP Mathur, vice-president of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

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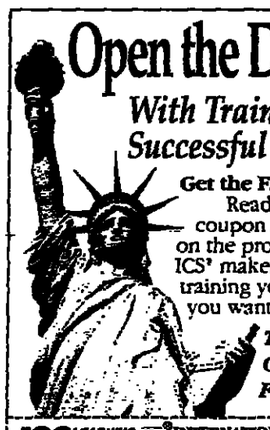
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Stalling in Kosovo

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is again playing his cat and mouse game with the world community as he pursues his attempts to enforce ethnic cleansing in Kosovo.

There can be little doubt that the Serbian police operation in Racak last week, which led to the massacre of 45 Kosovo Albanians, could not have been carried out without his approval. There was even less doubt that the follow-up police actions to remove the corpses and evidence bore the stamp of a Milosevic order.

Now, under a new threat from NATO, Milosevic has tactically backed off to some extent. He has suspended the expulsion of William Walker, the head of the international cease-fire monitoring mission, who was ordered out of Kosovo for blaming Serb forces for the massacre. The Serbs have also allowed a Finnish forensic team to examine the corpses. None of this is enough to warrant the West falling one more time for familiar Serb tactics of pushing forward in their objectives, and then holding ground by making some cosmetic concessions.

Milosevic has not withdrawn his forces from key positions in Kosovo as required by last October's cease-fire agreement which saved his forces from NATO's wrath by mere hours. Neither have the Serbs allowed UN war crimes prosecutor Louise Arbour into Kosovo to investigate the Racak atrocity. In addition, the UN estimates that some 5,500 people have fled three Kosovo Albanian villages since Milosevic's forces launched their continuing offensive there.

All in all, Milosevic has done nowhere near enough to justify lifting the threat of air strikes for his violations of the October accord. A political solution is of course required in Kosovo, but in dealing with the Belgrade government the Bosnia experience made it clear that Milosevic will pay attention only when political action is backed up by a real threat of force.

However, at present he is perfectly well aware that US allies in NATO have little taste for starting an air war they may not be able to finish without committing ground forces to Kosovo.

The rebel Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) has not made life any easier for Western policy planners by its hard-line demand for total independence, an unrealistic objective almost nobody in the international community wants. The KLA is doing its own people a disservice by making independence a pre-condition for further negotiations, giving Milosevic post-facto justification for the excesses of his troops in Kosovo.

Unfortunately, it is the international monitors in Kosovo who are left in an almost impossible position – unarmed, bullied by the Serbs, unsupported by NATO, let down by Western politicians. They are from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and are in danger of being humiliated by the Serbs as was the United Nations before them, and as NATO will be if it continues to threaten action and then back away from it. The OSCE monitors were set up to verify the October agreement and to help further a political solution. They have been unable to stop the truce being ignored, are stuck with a stalled political process, and will be unable to prevent a return to all-out fighting when spring arrives.

In Kosovo, no one is winning except Milosevic. It is not a situation conducive to any political progress unless NATO can convince him it means business this time.

Front line Brazil

It is sobering to consider what might have happened to the world economy were it not for the unprecedented economic strength the United States has achieved under the administration of President Bill Clinton. First Asia, then Russia, and now Brazil have sent shock waves through world markets. Fortunately, the shocks so far have been absorbed with barely a ripple when they reached US economic shores.

However, Brazil – the eighth largest economy in the world – remains a powerful test case and investors continue to watch it nervously after the government's floating of the currency two weeks ago sent it on a downward plunge reminiscent of what happened to the Russian ruble. Brazil is now on the front line of the battle to save the global economy from massive recession. It will still have to hoist itself out of its worst-ever financial crisis in recent decades. Any further serious setbacks in Brazil could start a negative chain reaction in Argentina and other Latin American countries. This is a scenario that could still endanger the US economy.

The Brazilian government was obliged to step in again at the end of last week, buying dollars to try to slow the plunge of the real. As usual, world market leaders are calling for the US to take action to prevent the Brazilian economic crisis from turning into a global one. Americans may find constant cries for help irritating, but given their country's economic strength, it is inevitable, and indeed it is in the Americans' own self-interest to heed such calls.

As a net beneficiary of the massive flows of capital, technology, goods and services that go under the title of globalization, the United Sates has the primary responsibility to help restore faith in the world financial system. One of Washington's top priorities must be to push for global norms in those rules of banking, law, and government which are essential for a healthy and transparent marketplace. Such norms have been most sorely neglected or abused in those states which have been worst-hit by the recent crises – Indonesia, Korea, Japan, Russia, and Brazil. The lessons to be learned should be obvious.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ANTICHRIST

Sir, – With good pro-Israel credentials, it was unfortunate to see Rev. Jerry Falwell expressing the belief that the Antichrist of Bible prophesies "of course will be Jewish," in the article "Antichrist a male Jew, says US Christian leader" (January 17).

The Bible teaches that this dark figure will deceive multitudes into following him. And indeed some Christians further infer, without any clear guidance from Scripture, that he also will deceive Jewry into proclaiming him as their long-awaited Messiah, which necessarily would require that he be of Jewish descent.

While I would caution classifying this as an antisemitic belief, it is important to understand that there is no concrete reference in the prophetic Scriptures – either Tanach or New Testament – which would require that the Antichrist be Jewish or be hailed by the Jewish people as Israel's promised Messiah.

In fact, there is much in the Bible to lead one to an opposite conclusion: that he never even pretends to be Jewish, forces his will upon Israel and tramples on Jewish laws and traditions, much like the Syrian Antiochus IV Epiphanes and other types of Antichrist in the past.

In this alternative Christian viewpoint, to be truly "anti" or against Christ, he will oppose the very concept of a promised Jewish Messiah – a concept which we hold dear. Therefore, we are inclined to believe the Antichrist does not have to be Jewish, and in probability will not be.

DAVID R. PARSONS
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International Christian Embassy.

Jerusalem.

IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

Sir, – In his otherwise excellent article "Full circle" (January 14), Uri Dan forgot to point to a very important difference in the situation in French-ruled Algeria and Israel.

Algeria was a French colony whereas Israel is the homeland of the Jewish people who lived there thousands of years before the arrival of the Arabs in the 7th century CE. The large majority of them were temporarily evicted and forced into dispersion by the Romans almost 2000 years ago.

R. WILLERS

Middlesex, England.

'AERO'-DYNAMIC

Sir, – I was not surprised to read that the Hebrew Language Academy has decided to call the euro the "aero" (News in Brief, January 12). Do they not yet understand that the agreed, basic language of communication on this planet is English?

But what else could be expected from an ivory-towered academic body that has brought hundreds of thousands of guffaws to the throats of every tourist who visits here by changing all the transliterated "k" sounds into "q's?

RUTH BROCH

Kiryat Ata

REPULSIVE PICTURE

Sir, - In *The Jerusalem Post* of December 30, you showed a color photo of a bull with blood streaming out of his wounds.

Jews are taught to respect life and displays of animals, tortured to death for a money-making spectator "sport" should be – and I feel sure for the great majority amongst us are – repulsive.

MARCEL FREY

Ramat Aviv.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

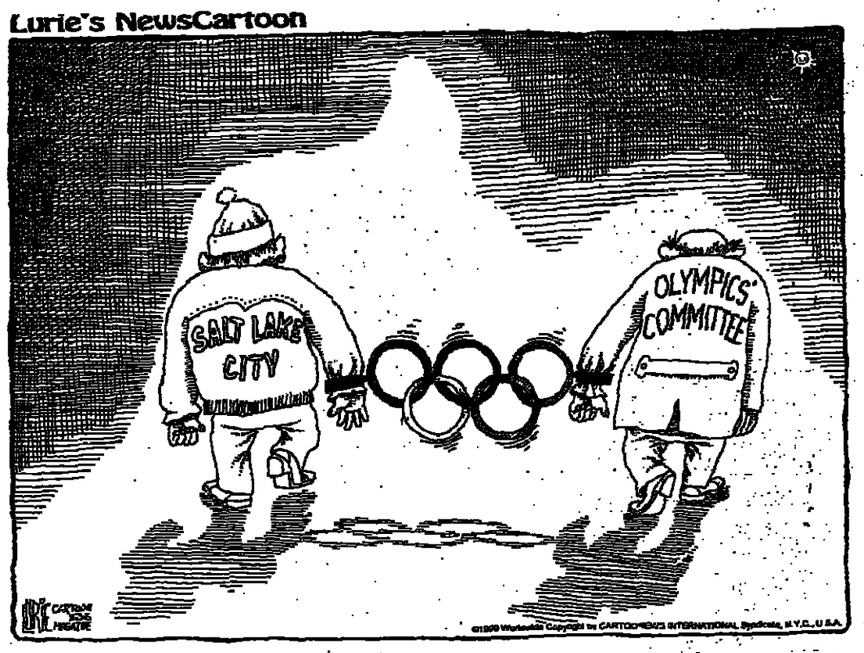
65 years ago: On January 24, 1934, *The Palestine Post* reported that 14 Revisionist youths, charged with an illegal demonstration protesting the government's immigration policy, were found guilty and sentenced to from one to six months' imprisonment.

50 years ago: On January 24, 1949, *The Palestine Post* reported from Rhodes that little progress had been made so far towards the Israeli-Egyptian reconciliation.

25 years ago: On January 24, 1974, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that Premier Golda Meir had told the Knesset that the disengagement-of-forces agreement with Egypt was the only alternative to the resumption of fighting. The Likud leader, Menachem Begin, termed it "a unilateral withdrawal during a period of war."

Alexander Zvielli

Lurie's NewsCartoon



50 years of partnership

JEAN-NOEL de BOUILLANE de LACOSTE

Today marks 50 years since France recognized de facto the State of Israel. May 11 will mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of their formal diplomatic relations, coinciding with the accession of Israel to the United Nations.

It is worthwhile recalling some aspects of this long history of deep friendship, never really affected by occasional differences.

A basic element of the special relationship that exists between France and Israel is the importance which the Jewish community, now the largest in Europe (about 800,000), has always had in the history of France.

It was in France that the Jews were first "emancipated" in Europe in 1791, as a result of the French Revolution. The Dreyfus Affair profoundly divided French society. In spite of the unforgivable crimes of the Vichy regime during World War II, it was in France that the largest proportion of the Jewish community (75%) escaped the Holocaust, mainly thanks to the action of ordinary people, many of whom are acknowledged in Yad Vashem.

The French authorities, in particular since 1995, have done their utmost to settle claims from Holocaust survivors or their heirs concerning restitution of their assets, including works of art. The Jewish community has played, and continues to play an important part in French political and social life, with such outstanding statespersons as Leon Blum, Pierre Mendes France and Simone Veil.

When the State of Israel was established, France was naturally at its side. For two decades, the IDF would not have been what it was without the massive aid granted by France. True, General de Gaulle's decision to apply a military embargo to all the countries involved in the Six Day War is still considered by many in Israel as an unfriendly gesture. But de Gaulle had warned Israel that he would support it only in case of an armed attack against the Jewish state.

Regarding the conflict between Israel and the Arab countries or the Palestinians, the constant preoccupation of France has been the security of Israel and its recognition within safe borders. At the same time, France, alongside other states, could not condone the acquisition of territories by force in 1967.

Our long history of deep friendship was never really affected by occasional differences

Thus, France welcomed the acceptance of the "land for peace" formula at the 1991 Madrid Conference, which has already found expression in the 1993 Oslo Accord and in the 1994 peace treaty with Jordan. This needs to be fully applied in a final-status agreement with the Palestinians as well as in peace treaties with Syria and Lebanon.

BY supporting the idea of a Palestinian state, France is sometimes accused of prejudging the outcome of the final-status negotiations. But we have made it unequivocally clear that the final settlement cannot be imposed on the parties from the outside and that they have to achieve it themselves.

In our view, a Palestinian state would be a better partner to ensure Israel's security than an undefined entity without the necessary authority to implement accepted constraints, including international treaties ensuring that it does not threaten its neighbor.

Moreover, a Palestinian state could be better integrated in the regional economic environment and benefit from the cooperation needed for the development of its population, thereby reducing social pressure and the risks of violence.

The French conviction is not new: It was expressed in 1982, when president Francois Mitterrand came to Jerusalem, as the first European head of state to visit Israel. It was repeated by President Jacques Chirac during his trip to the region in 1996.

At the same time, when addressing the Palestinian Legislative Council, the French president appealed to the Palestinians to ban any use of violence in their relationship with Israel and to develop democratic institutions. That aspect of the visit is often forgotten.

France's particular links with Lebanon and its good contacts with Syria should be considered an asset for Israel. One can see evidence of this in the activity of the Monitoring Group for the cease-fire in Lebanon, established in 1996, at France's initiative, after the Grapes of Wrath operation, and which it co-chairs with the United States.

In the bilateral field, relations between France and Israel are intense: France is the top destination for Israeli tourists. It is Israel's fifth-largest trade partner, and Israel is its second partner in the region. The number of French firms in Israel has multiplied by six over the last three years and France is Israel's third partner in scientific cooperation.

Roughly one out of five Israelis understands or speaks French, which makes Israel the second French-speaking country in the Middle East after Lebanon.

The security, stability and prosperity of the Israeli people, as those of its Arab neighbors, affect France directly as a Mediterranean country.

This is why France was among the promoters of the "Barcelona process," intended to establish a community based on cooperation and a free-trade area between the countries of that region and the European Union.

By providing one-fifth of the European aid to the Palestinians, including in the field of anti-terrorist action, France also contributes to Israel's security. Let us hope for the day when this process can be translated into a peaceful and fruitful relationship among all peoples of the Middle East.

The writer is the French ambassador to Israel.

Maintain academic standards

DAVID WEINBERG

The academic world and the Education Ministry have clashed twice over the past two weeks, raising questions regarding the future of Israeli higher education.

The question: Are we to sacrifice excellence in academe in the face of a populist push to guarantee college study for all?

The Weizmann Institute's Prof. Haim Harari had a nasty dispute with Education Minister Yitzhak Levy over major cutbacks in funding for science education, and resigned amid mutual recriminations.

Then Levy unilaterally announced his intention to turn the small College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel into a full-fledged university, without consulting his own, government-sponsored, Council of Higher Education Budget and Planning Committee or the Council of Israeli University Presidents.

Both bodies oppose Levy's snap decision.

The two controversies stem from far-reaching changes in the higher education sector, which is bursting at the seams. More than 148,000 students study today at one of the country's seven universities, university-sponsored colleges or recognized academic tracks at other colleges – double the number of students registered in 1990!

Add to these numbers the mushrooming student population of foreign universities which have set up branches here in Israel – and you have a revolution.

The government funds about 70 percent of the budget for the Israeli institutions, totaling NIS 4.8 billion. The investment per student, about $11,000, is one of the highest in the Western world. Can we afford to pay for such unrestricted growth in the student population?

Much of the government money subsidizing tuition could be applied to high priority national projects in technological engineering, physics, biomedical research and other higher intellectual inquiry.

Remember the striking students? They were demanding free tuition. But the old adage applies: Something that costs nothing is worth nothing. Students getting freebies tend to drop out, instead of applying themselves when the going gets tough.

Yes, I accept that in modern society every citizen should have the opportunity for post-secondary study, and for this we have all these new regional colleges. But just who is supervising academic standards at these places? Some are teaching material that students ought to have learned in high school.

And the foreign universities operating degree programs here are subject to no oversight whatsoever. Does anyone really want a bachelor's degree from the Tel Aviv branch of Timbuktu U?

Wouldn't it make more sense to support expansion of the existing universities and the qualified colleges – than to recklessly approve several dozen more start-ups and allow all the foreign pretenders to operate at will, flinging academic standards to the wind?

NOW some of these colleges presumptuously want to offer advanced-degree programs, for which they're not even close to being qualified.

It is one thing to do a decent job of teaching basic subjects like introductory computers, business, art, journalism, design, and even law. But graduate students need to use first-class libraries, conduct research on scientific equipment costing millions of dollars, and interact with scholars and global specialists across disciplinary lines.

Faced with the developing free-for-all and populist transformation of undergraduate studies, the universities are refocusing their energies on classical tasks: education of the elites, and the creation of intense graduate research environments.

Disciplines are being combined to provide a broad education, preparing for an interdisciplinary future. At Bar-Ilan University for example, the graduate study of bio-ethics has commenced this year, combining law, philosophy and life sciences into one program.

Education towards values is making a comeback, too, something not on the colleges' agenda. Tel Aviv University now has mandatory general courses for all students in citizenship and culture. The Hebrew University rector has called for more investment in Jewish studies, like the required studies in Jewish heritage and civil society at Bar-Ilan.

In short, higher education is becoming highly variegated, often for the worse. We can only hope that those at the helm proceed with prudent regard for long-term national needs.

The popularization of higher education must not come at the expense of our all-important and hard-earned high standards in academic and scientific excellence.

Playing with fire

DANIEL BLOCH

Last week, I wrote in this column, "It is Mordechai who can turn the wheel to another direction. If he stays in the Likud, he boosts the chances of the prime minister. If he leaves he makes it almost impossible for Bibi to win....

"The fate of the next elections is at this moment in the hands of Mordechai and even more – on his conscience."

Last night Netanyahu made the choice for him; by firing him, he forced him to cross the bridge to the center party, where he has reportedly been offered the No. 1 spot, making him that party's candidate for prime minister.

Why did Mordechai hesitate? Why didn't he announce his decision on Friday during prime time, when the whole country was waiting for his declaration?

I believe that he wanted to wait until Tuesday after the Likud's primaries, giving his party a last chance to defeat Netanyahu from inside. There is a growing quiet under-current of support for Moshe Arens within the Likud's rank and file, from those who are scared of Bibi, his people, tactics and politics.

Many are also fed up with the cronies of Avigdor Lieberman who, although he has formed his own party, is still the real boss of the Likud's own Tammany Hall.

There are many who believe that if Arens wins, he can reunite the party. He can bring Benny Begin, Dan Meridor and others back home and ensure the place of the Likud in any future government – either as its head or as a senior partner.

Arens, they believe, can also restore the Likud's liberal policies on on domestic issues – especially with regard to the rule of law and respect for the legal system, that were a basic value of the Likud movement in the days of Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir.

Netanyahu and his supporters are scared of this scenario; that's why Bibi decided on a preemptive strike, firing Mordechai last night and offering his job to Arens.

By doing so, Bibi is trying to portray himself as someone who regrets alienating his political mentor, Arens, and is ready to include him in his cabinet, even though Arens ran against him. It also means that the defense portfolio would be returned to civilian rule, countering the growing number of generals joining the political fray (the latest being Matan Vilna'i).

Lastly, it quiets those who feared the possibility of Netanyahu being prime minister, finance minister and defense minister during the crucial months ahead, thus holding an immense amount of power without any real checks and balances.

I DO not know how many people will be fooled by these tactics. The number of those who believe anything Netanyahu says diminishes every day. Abroad, the number is fast approaching zero.

Here in Israel, he still has credibility in the *souk* and among some of the haredim, though the latter probably don't believe him as much as they know Bibi cannot afford to alienate them.

He can still win tomorrow's leadership primary, because the party machinery is controlled by his people and they will do everything possible to prevent his downfall.

But many sensible people, when alone with their consciences in the ballot booth, will have to decide: can they really give him the power for another term?

It seems that many Likud leaders, from Limor Livnat, Moshe Katsav, and Meir Sheetrit to Uzi Landau and Michael Eitan already know that they cannot vote for him with a clear conscience. They also know quite well that if Netanyahu forms the next government, they, and many other good people, will not have a place there, and will be replaced by the likes of Lieberman, Yisrael Katz, Doron Shmueli, Dan Naveh, and Naomi Blumenthal.

Mordechai tried to see if the Likud could effect a change from within. Now he has no other choice but to join the center party, with which he has a very good chance of unseating Netanyahu and forming the next government.

Ehud Barak might be the other loser from Mordechai's move. But he brought it upon himself by his fatal mistake of agreeing to such a long period of electioneering.

For many the question is not personal, but who has the better chance of replacing this failing government: Mordechai, Arens, Barak or Amnon Lipkin-Shahak. Any one of them is better than Netanyahu.

So Netanyahu has gambled by firing his defense minister. But he is playing with fire, because undoubtedly Mordechai will counter with his own side of the story.

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Earthly Concerns
Vera Ben Shaul

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The art of Zen and profit

China's ancient Shaolin Temple, known to millions in the West from the martial arts movies, is less like a religious sanctuary and more like a Kung Fu carnival, writes **Frank Langfitt**



The centuries-old Shaolin Temple with its 'fighting monks': Now popular tourism is taking over. (Baltimore Sun)

Please wait, an assistant explains, the monk Shi Yongdi is parking the car.

Shi, a ranking monk at the famous Shaolin Temple in the hills of central China, arrives in a ski jacket, blue turtle-neck sweater and denim vest. In the midst of his recitation of the temple's 1,500-year-old history, his cell phone rings.

Shaolin Temple is the wellspring of Zen Buddhism and home to the renowned "fighting monks" who inspired the 1970s TV show "Kung Fu." Today the ancient religious site and surrounding village seem less a spiritual oasis than a kung fu carnival.

Included in the temple's $5 entry ticket is admission to a nearby amusement-park simulation ride which jerks patrons about as they watch footage of a roller coaster, bumper cars, and white-water rafting. Inside the temple, ceramic monk figurines holding daggers sell for $6. The cashier's desk at the restaurant doubles as a Buddhist shrine complete with incense urn, glass donation box, and two kneelers.

"What I see here is not what I thought I would see in Shaolin," says Gert-Jan von Kanel, a 19-year-old Swiss Buddhist who studies Chinese kick boxing at a nearby private martial-arts school with some 5,000 other students. "It's too much for the tourists."

Shaolin's dual identity as Buddhist holy place and money machine says much about the economic pragmatism that rules China today – and also about the romantic images some foreigners still hold about a nation whose mystery continues to slip away.

For centuries, outsiders saw the Middle Kingdom as an exotic, inscrutable land of silk, tea, concubines, and emperors. Today, much of what has made China distinctive – both good and bad – is being swallowed up in the frenetic drive toward modernization, Westernization, and wealth.

THE Shaolin temple owes its fame less to history – the monks are said to have rescued a Tang Dynasty prince from rebels in 621 CE and helped save the empire – than to a 1980 Hong Kong chop-socky movie of the same name that inspired a generation of Chinese martial artists.

Students come to Shaolin from all over the world. Those hoping to find monks like "Kung Fu's" fictional "Kwai Chang Caine," who traversed the American West righting wrongs with his fists and feet, are in for disappointment.

Shi has an office inside the temple, a large complex of pavilions and courtyards that is home to more than 70 monks and sits at the foot of Song Mountain in Henan Province. A warlord burned the temple nearly to the ground in 1928, and Red Guards shut it down during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976).

Today, workers walk along the tile rooftops brushing away leaves and keeping up the grounds.

Shi, 34, oversees a school of more than 400 students on the other side of the valley. When not practicing martial arts, the students study Chinese, math or a foreign language, but not Buddhism.

A financier from coastal Fujian Province has invested $600,000 to build a new facility. Each room will have a telephone and a television, says the 27-year-old business manager, Liu Tongliang. He adds that some students from poor families can study tuition-free.

Shi's school is one of more that 20 that line the road leading to the temple. On frigid winter days, thousands of Chinese youths in sweat suits crowd brick courtyards and terraced hillsides to practice martial arts.

Periodically yelling in unison, the students stand in human grids and train with aluminum swords, pikes, and bare hands. During class, they kick, spin, swivel, and punch the air with their fists.

Students are drawn to the area around the temple by the famous film and popular kung fu novels that celebrate Shaolin. Many study for years in hopes of earning a college scholarship that will lift them out of rural poverty.

AS a child, Pan Zhiqiang marveled at movies in which monks jumped so high that they appeared to fly. But kung fu – let alone the leaps – is "much harder than it looks in the movies," says the 19-year-old.

Pan, who says he studies martial arts to preserve Chinese culture, plans to return home to South China's Guizhou Province to perhaps work as a security guard. Four years of room, board, and

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tuition will cost more than $3,600 – a huge sum by rural Chinese standards.

"My parents think it's a waste of time, money, and energy," Pan says. But "I want to learn more before I work."

A myth states that nearly 15 centuries ago, an Indian monk named Bodhidharma, came to Shaolin and began teaching a school of Buddhism that became known as Zen. Depending on the legend, the monks either developed their unique style of martial arts to unwind after hours of motionless meditation or to fend off robbers.

Over time, they developed remarkable – or in some cases seemingly remarkable – feats that appear more akin to magic than combat. Books on Shaolin-style martial arts feature photos of people standing on their heads without using their hands and running along the sides of walls in apparent defiance of gravity.

THERE are also some awesome spectacles to take in at the site.

In a display of "iron-crotch" kung fu, a man is pictured suspending a huge stone from his testicles with the aid of a rope. The goal, apparently, is to accustom one's crotch to excruciating pain and therefore make it less vulnerable to attack.

Public performances are less wincesome and more winsome.

One recent afternoon at a private school near the temple, tourists crowded around a shirtless student with a shaved head and tried to remove a bowl that seemed glued to his stomach. The visitors snapped photos and laughed: No one could pull it off.

Shaolin's mix of Eastern religion and martial arts has proved profitable in the West. In recent years, the monks have appeared at the music festival, Lollapalooza, and on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and *Live with Regis and Kathie Lee*.

Given Shaolin's worldly past, perhaps its entrepreneurial present is understandable. A large landholder in earlier times, the temple provoked rebellion by heavily taxing peasants. The monks responded by beating them up.

Today, more than a million people visit the temple annually, says monk Shi. They bring money for trinkets, souvenirs, and donations.

After placing his cell phone back in his pocket, Shi explains that he must attend to business and bids his guests farewell.

"Come visit our poor life again," he says.

(The Baltimore Sun)

Meir Ronnen's Auctions column will return next month.

Olive research oils cooperation

New Worlds

By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Israelis and Palestinians haven't exactly been waving an olive branch at each other, but at least Hebrew University and Al Quds University researchers are working together to improve the yield of olive trees in both this country and the Palestinian autonomous areas.

The researchers – Prof. Ben-Ami Bravdo and Shimon Lavee of the HU's faculty of agricultural, food, and environmental quality sciences in Rehovot, and a team headed by Prof. Hassan Dweik of Al Quds University in eastern Jerusalem – aim to increase the relatively low yield of fruit from olive trees.

The relatively small production of olives is due mainly to reliance on traditional, low-tech methods that have been used for centuries in the area.

The joint team have found that through the use of drip irrigation and fertilizers, it's possible not only to increase the yield per tree, but also to obtain a higher quality oil than has been achieved so far.

The Palestinians carried out their research on olive groves in the area of Abu Dis near Jerusalem, while the Israelis have been experimenting with trees in a grove in the area of the Deir Rafat Monastery near Kibbutz Tzora.

Laboratory tests of the fruit, the oil, and the leaves of the experimental trees were evaluated at the HU faculty in Rehovot, and special testing techniques were designed for this purpose.

The research – supported by Belgian government funds – is continuing, with attempts to examine whether recycled waste water can be used to irrigate the experimental olive groves, using a drip irrigation system to be installed in two of them.

THE TORTOISE & THE HARE

Early humans switched to "fast food" when their slow prey ran out, according to studies of the remains of small animals, found at archeological sites here and in Italy, conducted by a University of Arizona researcher. Archeologist Mary Steiner said she believed early humans did not start out as fleet hunters, but may have been forced to switch to "fast food" such as hares when they ate up all of the easier-to-catch prey such as tortoises.

The journal *Science* reports on her work, which supports the idea that early humans were at first found in small, roaming groups that had to work increasingly hard at getting food as populations grew.

Steiner wrote that she was surprised to find that 52 percent of the animal remains in the early Middle Paleolithic layers of the Hayonim Cave were of shellfish, large lizards, tortoises and ostrich eggs.

Steiner said the findings show people relied very heavily on smaller game. "The glory of spear-chucking and all that aside, this was a very important part of people's lives," she told Reuters. Site after site reveals that at first, people ate easy pickings such as molluscs and tortoises. But such creatures mature slowly and are easily wiped out.

"In tortoises, it can take on average up to 10 years before they are even old enough to lay eggs. If you and your social group come into a valley and take all the tortoises you can find, it would take years before you could feasibly come back to that valley and get the same type of yield," she said.

So in the early days of modern humans, 200,000 to about 50,000 years ago, people would have had to live in small, mobile bands.

"But around 44,000 years ago, we begin to see this relationship as no longer sustainable, and people begin to add what we call lower-ranked prey to their diet," Steiner said, adding that early inhabitants of what are now Israel and Italy also hunted "big game" such as red deer and gazelles. Nevertheless, they probably relied heavily upon plant food.

Evidence from the smaller animals gives the best clues about populations, she said, not the least because very little of the plant food remains.

APATHY TO Y2K

Sixty-five percent of all small- and medium-sized businesses in Israel are unprepared for the 2000 computer bug, according to a survey by the Geocartography Institute. The pollsters queried 300 such companies, asking them about their software. Although only 36% said they weren't ready for the Y2K bug, an examination of their software found that many of those who thought they were prepared were not. Among the program versions that won't be able to cope with the four digits of the new millennium are Hashavshevet 6.5, used for accounting, and this was commonly in use.

Experts predict that already in the second quarter of this year, major problems resulting from computer glitches will begin to appear because of postdated checks and loans marked with a date in the year 2000. Until then, many businessmen will just hope that it won't happen to them and continue to believe that only large enterprises are at risk.

TINY SONY

What is claimed to be the "smallest video camera in the world" is now being imported by Ispar to Israel. Sony's DCR-PC1E model fits in the palm of the hand, and is only 12-centimeters high, 5 cms. wide, and 9 cms. thick. But you don't get miniaturization free – it costs NIS 16,000.

The camera has a 2.5-inch screen, a high-quality color sensor that produces 800,000 pixels, and digital zoom X 120 and an optical zoom X 10. It can also record still photos and compress 1.5 times the amount of available time in one tape without any reduction in quality. There is also a remote control, and the images can be transferred digitally to a personal computer.

PLASTIC RUNABOUT

Instead of fender-bender accidents, the cars of the future – at least in the Third World – are apparently likely to crunch, crack or bounce in an accident. Plastic cars that are lightweight, fully recyclable, cheap to run and extremely fuel efficient are likely to be the vehicles for the developing world. Chrysler has developed its "composite concept vehicle," with body panels made entirely from plastic moulding, for this purpose.

Chrysler says it has designed its CCV to sell especially well in emerging countries. Thanks to reduced manufacturing costs, the vehicle will sell for about $6,000.

Its development was made possible due to new polymers from companies, including Ticona, a division of Hoechst, and new moulding technologies that allow large sections, such as car body panels, to be formed without bending or warping. Other plastic cars for the higher end of the market are also under development, including the Chrysler Dodge ESX2 and Chrysler Plymouth Pronto Spyder.

Are the locusts heading this way?

Earthly Concerns

By D'vora Ben Shaul

There is something sonorously biblical about a a plague of locusts, and according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) we may be in for exactly that.

According to the entomologists who monitor and try to control locust outbreaks and migrations, military activity in parts of Africa has prevented teams from gaining access to several known breeding sites of the desert locust, or *Schistocerca gregaria*, which has been responsible for the defoliation of vast areas of Africa and Asia.

The locust depends on warm, moist soil conditions to propagate since the female, after mating, deposits up to five pods – each with some 120 fertilized eggs – in the soil. When the young locusts hatch, they are large-headed and virtually transparent. They immediately begin to devour surrounding foliage, growing and passing through five or more molts, extending their range with each molt. Once adult, the locusts develop wings and take to flight – settling down wherever there is food, be it natural forestation or planted crops.

Clouds of locusts can be so large and dense that they can actually block out sunlight over entire districts for several hours. Locust attacks of this size caused severe damage here in the '20s and '30s. After DDT and organic phosphate-based pesticides were introduced along with the controlled monitoring of known breeding grounds, the damage caused by locusts was drastically reduced. In most cases, workers were able to locate the nesting grounds and eradicate young locusts as they emerged from the egg, destroying many millions of the potential ravagers.

But FAO entomologists fear that locusts may still be breeding in large numbers along the disputed Egyptian-Sudanese border, in some areas of Somalia and in remote districts of Mauritania – all areas where decentralized military activity prevents FAO teams from working.

According to the experts, once the swarms of locusts take flight there will be no way to stop them except by direct aerial confrontation. Crop-dusting planes fly into the swarms and spray them with a lethal insecticide. This saves the crops but the environmental damage accompanying the operation is no less serious.

In such cases tons of poisoned insects fall to earth or into the sea where birds, fish and small land mammals are destroyed in vast numbers. In some cases, the mass destruction of birds and bats can cause an imbalance that leads to massive overpopulation by other harmful insects that were previously held in check by their natural enemies.

For the fifth successive year now the United Nations is actively attempting to reach some sort of agreement with the warring factions in the suspect areas. Unfortunately this is not a simple matter, since activity in some areas demands the cooperation of as many as a dozen armed groups. The groups are often hostage takers and do not routinely communicate with one another.

But unless some sort of accommodation is reached, Africa and parts of the Middle East may once again face the "locust-eaten years."



Locusts: A potential problem of biblical proportions. (Camera Press)

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NEWS

of the muse

Top Canadian tenor to make local debut

Ben Heppner, one of the leading heroic tenors in the world today, will make his Israeli debut at the Mann Auditorium with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Kurt Masur on February 12. Heppner, who sings regularly in all the great opera houses worldwide, will sing a program of works by Richard Strauss, Puccini and Verdi.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Pick from a musical basket

The Levinsky Music College in Tel Aviv opens its third season of concerts featuring a variety of styles and ensembles ranging from classical to ethnic, and from early music to contemporary. The concerts are free to the public and the series opens January 31.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Belly laughs coming our way

Ray Cooney's monster hit *Run for Your Wife* is coming here for a local tour from February 17 to 28. The actors are from one of the original West End casts of this daffy farce which ran in London for nine years (3,600 performances), and has been running here, in an equally successful Hebrew version, since last October.

The story concerns one John Smith who leads a perfectly blissful married life with two wives, neither of whom knows about the other. His idyll ends abruptly when a chance accident lands him in the hospital.

The play has been translated into some 15 language, including Thai and Finnish. Cooney and Leslie Lawton, who plays John, have both received Olivier awards for their subsequent productions with the Theatre of Comedy Company founded as a direct result of *Run*. A recent UK poll counted *Run for Your Wife* among the century's 100 most successful plays. The show will be in Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem, Kfar Sava and Rehovot.

Helen Kaye

Star TV will broadcast the Oscars

Rupert Murdoch's Hong Kong-based Star TV has won the exclusive right to broadcast the 1999 Academy Awards in Southeast Asia. Star plans to start its Oscar coverage with the nominations due to be announced on February 9. The ceremony itself is in Los Angeles on March 21.

Helen Kaye

'Diva' composer to be honored

"Diva" composer Zvika Pik will be honored with a special award at ACUM's annual Golden Feather awards to be held at the Tel Aviv Cinerama on Wednesday. Dana International won the 1998 Eurovision contest with "Diva," and the record has sold very well worldwide.

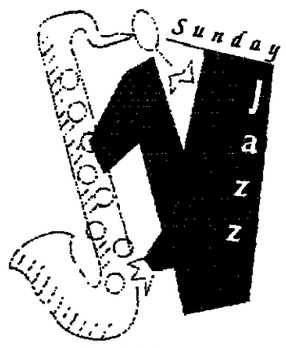
Helen Kaye

'A Family Affair' returns to the Cameri

The Cameri Theater is reviving Edna Mazia's 1996 award-winning family drama, *Sipur Mishpahti* ("A Family Affair"), which follows the fortunes of a German Jewish family from Heidelberg in 1935 to Israel in the 1970s. The play has represented Israel at various festivals in Germany, including Heidelberg. Regular performances start in March, although there are two performances in February starting February 6.

Helen Kaye

New wine in the blues bottle



By David Isaacson

The blues is best played by old, weatherbeaten black guys. Or so you might think on hearing three new releases from Polygram's French subsidiary Gitanes.

Indeed, if bluesmen had to call it a day at 65, nobody would have heard of Pinetop Perkins. Having spent years as a sideman to the likes of Muddy Waters and Sonny Boy Williamson, the now 84-year-old native of Belzoni, Mississippi, only started to tour and record under his own name in the 1980s. On *Sweet Black Angel*, the pianist-singer offers a timely reminder of the blues's simple beauty.

SWEET BLACK ANGEL
Pinetop Perkins
(Helicon)

SO GOES LOVE
Charles Brown
(Helicon)

PREACHER AND THE PRESIDENT
Joe Louis Walker
(Helicon)

Perkins plays with the light touch and barrelhouse style of Memphis Slim and, in a voice reminiscent of the whispery Jimmy ("Hush, Hush") Reed, he sounds like he's been smoking 60 Marlboros a day since the Great Depression. *Sweet Black Angel* is raw, hardcore blues from the Deep South: no over-amplified electric guitars or wailing harmonicas, just a four-piece band, sometimes augmented by saxes, and fine production values.

The blues doesn't lend itself to orderly categorization. The second track is listed as both "What's the Matter with You" and "What's the Matter with the Mill" when it is actually the title track on Muddy Waters's *Can't Get No Grindin'*. If the blues all sounds the same anyway, well that's the strength of the genre. And when you have the quality of Perkins and his band, you *can* get a whole load of Grindin'.

In its depiction of a life full of frustrations, disappointments and betrayals, blues have been accused of indulging in self-pity. As Perkins shows with the touching hope of the title track, the up-beat "View from the Top" and the optimistically resigned "Down the Road I'll Go," that's only half the story. People listen to the blues to cheer them up and to give their day a background, foot-tapping beat. On both counts *Sweet Black Angel* is an unqualified success.

PIANIST and singer Charles Brown personifies the blues. In 1923, when he was a baby, his mother died; five years later his father was killed by a train.

Raised by his grandparents, Brown became a big name in the 1940s with the No. 1 single "Trouble Blues" and eight other chart appearances in 1949 alone. In the 1950s, the likes of Sammy Davis Jr., Ray Charles, Fats Domino and Etta James were delighted just to open for him. Then, for unclear reasons, he was blacklisted by the musicians' union and became involved in a messy lawsuit.

And the advent of rock 'n' roll wasn't exactly a boon to struggling bluesmen. Brown found himself working as a janitor and window washer to make ends meet.

In 1990 he was rediscovered by Bonnie Raitt, and since then his classy, jazz-inflected blues have found a whole new audience.

Only a musician with a lifetime's experience could put out a disc as effortlessly sophisticated and diverse as *So Goes Love*. The opening four-piece "New Orleans Blues," originally recorded by Brown's 1940s band, captures both the spirit and four-four format of the blues without resorting to cliche; "(Oh! Oh!) What Do You Know About Love?" perfectly utilizes a full brass rhythm section; a "Stormy Monday" duet with tenor saxman Clifford Solomon pours new wine into the bottle. Bassist Ruth Davies is especially impressive in laying down the beat and occasionally rising above the parapet with an unexpected chord. Brown's renditions of the standards "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and "Ain't No Use" are so melancholy he could be Billie Holiday's brother.



Blues pianist/singer Pinetop Perkins at 84 has no intention of calling it a day.

GUITARIST Joe Louis Walker, a mere sapling at 50, has been described by *Downbeat* as "arguably the most complete bluesman on the current scene." *Preacher and the President*, produced by the ubiquitous Steve Cropper, isn't nearly as bluesy as *Sweet Black Angel* or *So Goes Love* but is rather straight-ahead r&b with the odd twist of gospel and soul.

Beyond the title track's easy cynicism – "Now the preacher and the president / Tryin' to find where the money went / They built a church and a big old rocket / And the rest went into their pocket" – Walker tackles the usual r&b subjects: unrequited love, love gone wrong, the quest for something to "make me feel all right" and self-deprecation.

Walker wrote or co-wrote nine of the 10 tracks and he doesn't break any new ground. But if you like old-fashioned, bouncy r&b, without too much intrusive virtuosity, then you'll appreciate *Preacher and the President*.

Greatness gets a sad reminder

Sabra Sounds



By Shai Tsur

It has become fashionable in some sectors of Israeli society to rail long and hard at perceived musical elitism in the country. Certain members of the Mizrahi musical community, as well as proponents of Hebrew rock, sneer at the genre of music which used to be called "Shirei Eretz Yisrael Hayafa" ("Beautiful Land of Israel Songs"). The popular music of the 1950s and '60s, and especially of the IDF singing troupes who dominated the music

HASHIRIM HAYAFIM
Nehama Hendel
Hed Arzi

charts of the time, stands accused of marginalizing and discriminating against anything outside its established, Ashkenazi sabra milieu.

With Mizrahi and Israeli rock now the dominant musical forms, these cries of discrimination seem – despite some historical merit – a bit anachronistic. Besides, one only has to look at the case of Nehama Hendel to realize that discrimination did not only affect long-haired rockers and those of Middle Eastern descent.

Hendel was a charter member of the musical aristocracy who came to prominence during the '50s as a vocalist for the Nahal singing troupe, the best known and most respected of the military groups.

In the 1960s she gained fame both here and in the United States as part of the duo Ran and Nama. Inspired by the American Folk music wave, Hendel dedicated herself to recording Hebrew folk songs and the works of renowned poets such as Bialik and Tchernichowsky. Her powerful, crystal-clear soprano helped win over a legion of fans.

Towards the end of the decade, however, Hendel changed her name from Nehama to Helena (the result of a newfound faith in an Eastern spiritual movement) and emigrated to Germany with her German gentile husband. The Israeli public and press saw this as



The late Nehama Hendel in her glory days.

ularity plummeted.

Over the next three decades, Hendel moved from Germany to Australia, with occasional visits to Israel, when she would perform. In 1994, she decided to come home and attempted to mount a comeback with new material. To her disappointment, the media and the public took no interest in her. On the eve of last Yom Kippur, she succumbed to a long-standing heart condition, bitter and alone.

Hendel's recently released collection, *Hashirim Hayafim* ("The Beautiful Songs"), trades on the same nostalgia wave that she tried to avoid in her last years of life. Despite this, the two-CD set serves as a sad reminder that this woman, who had been almost entirely forgotten by Israeli audiences, ranks as one of the greatest singers this country has ever produced.

The songs here span much of Hendel's career, starting with the early material that is made up of the sitting-around-the-campfire songs that so irritate the Avihu Medinas of the world. In these tracks, recorded with the Nahal troupe and its civilian successor Batzal Yarok ("Green Onion"), Hendel's voice sounds fresh and a little less controlled than in later tracks.

The control, and the full beauty of her singing, comes shortly afterwards.

Hendel's later works mainly come from literary sources, but also draw on religious material and the Yiddish tradition.

The instrumentation of the songs tends toward the minimal, rarely involving more than guitar and flute. This instrumentation, however, is merely a framework for the voice. On songs such as "Dona Dona" (based on a poem by Aharon Zeitlin), Hendel is at the height of her power. Her voice cuts through the air, with a perfectly controlled tremolo. Her clear enunciation and phrasing bring to life the beauty of the words in the poem.

Other highlights include "I Believe" based on the Tchernichowsky poem and "The Journey to Caesarea," better known as "Eli, Eli," whose words were written by Hanna Szenes. Later in life, Hendel's voice mellowed some, losing part of its piercing quality but none of its power.

Whether or not there is a moral to the sad story of Nehama Hendel is an issue for debate. It may be an illustration of the fleeting, fickle nature of fame or it may speak volumes about the xenophobic tendencies of Israeli society.

The message may be debatable, but the beauty of the music is not.

Independents with stars in their eyes besiege Sundance fest

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN

It's a documentary about a gritty subject and almost no one has seen it.

But after a showing at this week's Sundance Film Festival, *American Pimp* could capture a lucrative distribution deal – and its creators are hoping to milk the opportunity for every potential penny.

"We held out showing it to any distributors to put it in a friendly situation for us as far as getting the best price," said Allen Hughes, who has teamed with his brother to make the film as well as *Menace II Society* and *Dead Presidents*. "Even though we've gotten great offers, you don't know how great they are until you get them all in one room."

Sundance, held each year in Utah, is the US's top showcase for independent films. Overrun by Hollywood players, entertainment reporters and publicists, it's a festival where buzz leads to more buzz, which leads to more hype, which leads to film studios paying millions of dollars for films – something they may or may not regret in the morning.

Last year, for instance, Miramax spent a staggering $6 million for *Next Stop, Wonderland*, which grossed only $3.4 million in North American theaters.

But for every bust, there are deals like the reported $1 million spent last year by Artisan Entertainment for *Pi*, which grossed $3.2 million, making it one of the year's most profitable independent films.

With such potential for success, it's no wonder the festival was inundated with entries. A record 840 feature films were submitted for the 16 slots in the highly coveted dramatic competition. Others were chosen for exhibition outside the competition. The festival also includes documentaries, foreign films and shorts.

At this movie marketplace, films that have no business going for so much money end up going for big bucks, all in the frenzied hope of finding that next *Shine* or *sex, lies and videotape* or striking a multi-picture deal with the next Quentin Tarantino.

While the festival provides a major boost to fledgling film producers, it can also mark the birth – or rebirth – of a performer's career.

A year ago, Ally Sheedy was considered by many to be a has-been actress of the '80s "Brat Pack." But after Sundance critics heaped praise on her daring performance as a drug addict in *High Art*, her star was back on the rise. Now she's a contender for an Oscar nomination.

"I'd have to say that Sundance has played a major role in my life," Sheedy said. "What's the last year been like? Dumbfounded, blindsided and flabbergasted are words that seem appropriate."

SUNDANCE was essentially born in 1985, when Robert Redford's Sundance Institute, which fosters independent filmmaking, took the reins of what was then called the US Film Festival. It adopted the Sundance name in 1991.

It has gotten so big that one festival isn't enough anymore.

The alternative Slamdance, now in its fifth year, selected 14 features out of 1,716 entries. When it started, only 43 films were entered. There are still other alternative film festivals.

But the centerpiece is Sundance. It started last Thursday in Salt Lake City with the premiere of Robert Altman's *Cookie's Fortune*, then moves to the nearby ski resort of Park City through January 31. It will feature 114 films, including 69 premieres.

Everyone expects film producers to have their checkbooks ready.

Although *Wonderland* fizzled, Miramax has scored with numerous independent films picked up at Sundance and other festivals.

"Miramax is the kind of company, when we see something we love, we will probably be the most aggressive and passionate company on the block," said acquisitions executive Amy Israel.

Sheedy will be in Park City to help promote another movie generating early excitement, *Sugar Town*, a story of Hollywood hustling and double-dealing, with Sheedy as a production designer and Rosanna Arquette as an actress.

With *Sugar Town* and many other films tantalizingly unknown, the anticipation is building. So is the stress.

"We've not allowed anybody to see the film," said Tim Roth, who directed the family drama *The War Zone*, which acquisitions people are watching carefully.

"I see [the screening] as very nerve-racking. A lot of the crew is coming out. Financiers will be there. If it goes wrong, I can just sort of go and hide."

(AP)

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Music Director: Zubin Mehta

Zubin Mehta, conductor
Yossi Arnheim, Eyal Ein-Habar, flutists
Menahem Breuer, violinist
Michael Haran, cellist
Shemuel Hershko, tuba player
Programme:
Bach: Brandenburg concerto no. 4
Haydn: Cello concerto in D major
John Williams: Tuba concerto
Ravel: La Valse
Sun., 24.1, 20:30, Jerusalem
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Zubin Mehta, conductor
Sharon Kam, clarinetist
Jonathan Gandelsman, violinist
Keren Tannenbaum, violinist
Miri Yampolsky, pianist
Programme:
Weber: Clarinet concerto no. 2
Vieuxtemps: Violin concerto no. 5
Chausson: Poème for violin and orchestra
Ravel: Tzigane for violin and orchestra
Rachmaninov: Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini
Tues., 26.1, 20:30, Haifa (series A)
Wed., 27.1, 20:30, Haifa (series B)

Zubin Mehta, conductor
Leor Eitan, piccolo player
Yossi Arnheim, Eyal Ein-Habar, flutists
Menahem Breuer, violinist
Michael Haran, cellist
Sharon Kam, clarinetist
Programme:
Telemann: Quartet in d minor (arranged for piccolo and orchestra by Leor Eitan)
Bach: Brandenburg concerto no. 4
Haydn: Cello concerto in D Major
Weber: Clarinet concerto no. 2
Beethoven: Leonore overture no. 3
Thur., 28.1, 20:30, T-A (Philoclassica)

Piano recital with
Daniel Barenboim
Programme:
Beethoven: Sonata in c minor, op. 13, "Pathétique"
Beethoven: Sonata in E major, op. 109
Debussy: Preludes, book 1
Sat., 30.1, 19:00, T-A

"Ipo in Jeans"
Zubin Mehta, conductor
Danny Sanderson, host
Sharon Kam, clarinetist
Jonathan Gandelsman, violinist
Programme:
Prokofiev: "Peter and the Wolf" (Arranged by Danny Sanderson)
Vieuxtemps: Violin concerto no.5
Weber: Clarinet concerto no. 2
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Gliding, not stumbling, into old age

Israel's society is unprepared for the explosive consequences of mass aging – but one specialist is trying to arouse awareness of the looming 'geriatric boom catastrophe,' Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reports

Nobody wants to grow old, but it's an attractive future... considering the alternative.

With the aging of Israel's population – and with average lifespans nearing 80 – the authorities should be thinking of ways to prepare the middle-aged for old age by ensuring that they go into it as healthy as possible.

Yet with the low priority the health authorities have accorded preventive medicine, it's only too clear society will not be prepared to face the "geriatric boom catastrophe" of the 21st century.

Fortunately, at least one person has not only been thinking about the problem, but has tried to arouse public consciousness.

Dr. Doron Garfinkel, an internal medicine specialist (on a year's leave from Holon's Wolfson Hospital) and director of home care for the Maccabi health fund's Dan region, has founded the apolitical Society for the Inhibition of Age-Related Processes.

Working out of his living room and at his own expense, Garfinkel captured the imagination of some 40 fellow physicians and academics in a variety of fields, leading to the establishment of the society three years ago.

Now, with an Israeli scientific council of top-name professionals and an international advisory body, the society will hold its first conference on February 2 at the Dan Tel Aviv Hotel, with First Lady Reuma Weizman welcoming the expected audience of hundreds. (Tickets are NIS 100 to cover expenses, but there will be no fund-raising at the event.)

"This isn't a one-man show," Garfinkel says. "Many people in a variety of fields from medicine to social work and psychology have begun to show an interest."

IN ancient Rome, half the population died by age 27. In the US in 1900, life expectancy was only 47. It thus took about 2,000 years for lifespans to increase by 20 years. Today in the Western world, life expectancy is 77 years or more – and rising.

"This will pose great dilemmas for governments and the younger generation," Garfinkel explains. "Do they invest their economic resources in themselves and their children – or in taking care of their parents and grandparents?

The conflicts will be unbearable. "The older people get, the higher their risk of age-related diseases like arthritis, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cardiovascular disorders and complications of diabetes."

The cost of treating disabilities in elderly Americans has more than doubled in real terms in three decades," Garfinkel explains, going on to observe that "it's hard to say what 'old' is.



(Photos: Seth Udeby)

"Chronological age isn't all-important. You need rather to look at an individual's quality of life and amount of disability. The official retirement age of 65, set by Bismark in Germany, has been widely accepted worldwide, even though many people of that age are perfectly capable of working or otherwise contributing to society."

The 49-year-old physician has been discussing these issues for a decade. In fact, he coined the term "geriatric boom catastrophe" at a conference in Australia.

"At first, people said I was exaggerating. Now they say, 'What do you mean about the crisis being in the future? It's already here.'

"If you look at Israeli families today, you can often see four generations alive at once. We have to prepare for the medical, economic and social consequences of this phenomenon. Today you see elderly patients lying in the corridors of hospital internal medicine departments; tomorrow, if we do nothing, we'll see them waiting outside in the street."

Fire-extinguishing, Garfinkel notes, is not the society's mission.

"We want to promote the prevention, or at least delay, of diseases affecting the elderly. Currently nearly all public funds for preventive medicine are spent on immunizing infants."

ASIDE from next week's gathering, the society aims to hold at least three scientific conferences by 2001. In them members of the scientific council, academics and researchers will meet with policy-makers, public figures and other agents of change.

Garfinkel wants a society newsletter to be issued every three months to report on developments in slowing age-related processes.

"Successful aging saves society money as fewer resources are needed for old age homes and medical treatments," he says. "We also hope to set up at least one multidisciplinary center by 2001 that will coordinate knowhow and knowledge, skills and the means for disseminating information to the public, as well as offering tests, treatments and counselling.

"If a person has a stroke, for example, we want to help reduce his or her physical disability and dependence on family. The scientific council members' professional knowledge will be used to assess the efficacy and/or dangers of treatments promoted in the media as supposedly able to slow the aging process."

The society is also looking for retired volunteers, including English speakers, who have the skills to promote its activities.

In addition to this down-to-earth work, the society (at 13 Haben Harishon Street, 75240 Rishon Lezion) also plans to promote at least three major pieces of Israeli research that would contribute to understanding the aging process and preventing or inhibiting it.

The budget, says Garfinkel, will range from $50,000 to $200,00 per project and deal with physical activity, nutrition, vitamin and mineral supplements, preventive medicine and the social aspects of inhibiting aging.

In Chinese tradition, doctors get paid only as long as their patients stay healthy; if a person becomes sick, the doctor sees no money. A good family physician or general practitioner should be able to help a patient cope with aging, Garfinkel says, "but there are many other needs these professionals are not trained to address, such as avoiding loneliness and getting out into society as an active participant. This is why there is a need for our multidisciplinary center."

Prof. Lydia Avivi of the genetics department of Tel Aviv University was approached by Garfinkel not long ago about the society and immediately agreed to join the scientific council. "The first thing I thought was: 'Why didn't I think of it before?' she recalls. "I view him as another Columbus."

Avivi bemoans the fact that "old people are shunted out of sight so as not to disturb the consciences of younger people. There is widespread apathy in the face of these problems. As a geneticist, I'm interested in the aging process, which affects everyone; it makes explaining genetic processes easier.

"Aging is traumatic, for a person and his family, but it can be delayed and eased – and this will have great economic benefit."

ALTHOUGH there is no known "fountain of youth," a number of things could slow the aging process and reduce the incidence of disease, says Dr. Mordechai Halperin, gynecologist, male fertility expert, rabbi and head of the Schlesinger Institute for Jewish Medical Ethics at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem.

"Seventeen years ago, Shaare Zedek internal medicine specialist Prof. Abraham Abraham found that giving chromium salts to rabbits significantly reduced the amount of plaques in their coronary arteries; this fat increases the risk of heart attacks. But since pharmaceutical companies had nothing to gain from a non-patentable mineral, he couldn't get funding to test his model clinically to see if it was safe and effective for humans," Halperin recalls.

"Eating fish and taking vitamin E can also slow aging and reduce morbidity, but you have to educate the public. That's why I was so excited when Dr. Garfinkel told me about his society."

Prof. Amos Korczyn, head of the neurology department at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital and head of the neurology department at TAU's Sackler Medical School, says the society must function as a lobby.

"The health funds, for example, don't look ahead at medical problems in the future. They're busy with today. But that's part of the problem," says Korczyn, a renowned expert in Alzheimer's disease and stroke who has joined the society's scientific council. "It's foolish to think Israel's society is immune to this problem."

"The aging of the population is a ticking time bomb," says Prof. Zvi Adar, a health systems expert in TAU's management faculty.

"I don't know very much about the health aspects, but I am familiar with the social, economic and insurance elements of the problem.

"There will be fewer people working and feeding the economy, since people will work for only about half their lives – excluding childhood and after retirement. This, along with the drying up of sources of younger immigrants, will have major economic implications. If you can reduce the number of disabled people who need care in nursing facilities, you will not only be improving their quality of life and easing the burden on their children, you will also be saving the economy a lot of money."



Dancing the years away (left): Chronology isn't the whole story – quality of life and ability to function are essential factors in easier ageing. Grandad power (above): Martial arts help residents of a sheltered housing project for the elderly in Rishon Lezion keep fit.

Surgery done 'through the keyhole'

Health Scan



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Although "keyhole" surgery was barely known to the general public more than a decade ago, half of all gynecological operations performed in Israel today use laparoscopy and hysteroscopy techniques – tiny endoscopes with video cameras and mini-scalpels to remove or repair tissue through a small abdominal incision or through the vagina.

Assaf Harofeh Hospital researchers who studied records of 7,000 gynecological operations performed here in 1998 found that half of them were done with "keyhole" methods, according to Dr. Motti Pansky, Dr. Avi Abergil and Prof. Jan Bukovsky of the Tzrifin hospital's obstetrics/gynecology department.

Speaking at a recent conference of the Israel Ob/Gyn Society, held at the Haifa International Convention Center, the gynecologists said this development was welcome, as the advanced surgical technique can minimize the suffering and length of hospitalization of patients, as well as recovery time. For some women, the techniques also eliminate the need for a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus).

Fortunately, the number of complications resulting from the "keyhole" gynecological surgery here was found to be low, meeting accepted standards in the US and other developed countries.

Pansky attributed the increase in use of the techniques to doctors' greater awareness as well as greater public access to medical information, especially via the Internet.

Many women now do a "market survey" before deciding what surgical treatment they should undergo, he said.

"There is no question that a major trend in gynecological surgery over the coming years will be a reduction in radical surgeries and a controlled move to smaller, more effective and economical operations, both as regards patients' suffering and economic costs."



The technique can mean less suffering, less time in hospital, a speedier recovery – and perhaps no need for a hysterectomy.

IN THE KNOW, IN HEBREW

What Doctors Don't Tell You is the name of an international newsletter based in Britain and launched in English a decade ago. The 16-page *WDDTY* contains serious, updated and non-commercial material on a variety of medical subjects, citing numerous medical journals so readers can look up citations if they wish. It also has a healthy dose of skepticism about what it calls unnecessary medical treatments and medications.

Now a Netanya company, Dekel Publishing, has begun to translate each issue into competent Hebrew while adapting the content to Israeli medical realities and interests.

WDDTY, which appears once every two months, attempts to explain complicated issues to laymen but without reducing the professional level of the material. The introductory subscription price is NIS 120 for three issues over six months. The next issue is due in a few weeks.

WDDTY's first issue (October-November) contains articles on eating disorders, herbal remedies that have been tested according to scientific methods, sensitivity to chemicals, toxemia in pregnant women and whether anti-wrinkle laser treatments are safe.

Lynn McTaggart, the editor of the original version, who wrote an article specially for Israeli readers, notes that the publication already appears in various additional editions in the US and Europe. Would-be subscribers should call (09) 863-7214, write to the editorial department at 28 Rehov Ha'argaman, POB 8430, Netanya, or send e-mail to jalmos@netvision.net.il.

SPEEDING HAIR GROWTH

Regaine (minoxidil), the only drug recognized by the US Food and Drug Administration and the Health Ministry as a hair restorer, has been found to speed up hair regrowth in cancer patients following chemotherapy.

A recent US study of 22 women who underwent surgery for breast cancer and planned to get supportive chemotherapy were divided into two groups: one group had Regaine solution massaged into their scalps, while the other received a placebo: the treatment continued until four months after they finished chemotherapy.

Those who used the minoxidil were bald for just 86 days, compared to 137 days for the placebo group.

Although baldness is not a matter of life and death, regaining their hair faster is a great psychological boon to cancer patients.

Shock treatment for overactive hearts



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

I am a 70-year-old man, diagnosed some years ago with atrial defibrillation, for which I take a daily dose of Colmadin.

I recently underwent a routine Echo-Doppler test, after which the doctor said my heart was perfectly sound and suggested electric-shock treatment, which might jolt it back into a normal beat.

He asked me what I thought about such treatment. Well, I'm no doctor, but I worry that the electric shock might jolt my heart into ceasing to beat altogether. The doctor pooh-poohed the idea.

Unfortunately, he has left the decision to me, though I am hardly qualified to make it. My "heart condition" has given me little or no trouble over the years, and I don't intend to go looking for it.

I would welcome your expert's opinion on the matter. A.D., Herzliya.

Prof. Mervyn Gotsman, head of the cardiology department at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies:

Atrial defibrillation is a condition in which your heart beats an extra beat. You're better off if your heart returns to sinus fibrillation, which means the normal beat, as that is what nature intended.

The longer you've had defibrillation, the lower the chances it will return to normal. But if your doctor recommends electric-shock treatment, you should go ahead.

We do this treatment every day, and it shouldn't cause you any harm. A general anesthetic is given; in effect for only two or three minutes; this is required because the shock is a powerful one, the kind given to resuscitate someone whose heart has stopped. It makes the whole body shake.

The success rate of restoring normal rhythm is 60% in such cases.

If it doesn't succeed, you won't be any the worse for wear.

The tiny, crucial difference between slender and stout

By ROGER SEGELKEN

Barely measurable amounts of energy, released as body heat, could mean the difference between holding one's waistline or taking on four or five kilos a year, say Cornell University researchers who turned couch-potato rats into exercising athletes.

The culprit is excess dietary protein and fat, particularly from animal-based foods. These appear to tip the delicate energy balance toward adding body fat instead of burning energy through a metabolic process called thermogenesis, says Cornell nutritional biochemist T. Colin Campbell.

His theory of energy balance and obesity, an old one refined by new findings, was developed through studies of diet and disease among rural Chinese and laboratory rats. It could explain why so many attempts at dieting are doomed.

Campbell's proposed solution: Eat a diet low in animal-based fats and proteins and rich in plant-based nutrients and fiber.

"Laboratory rats fed diets comprised of substantially reduced intakes of protein consume more energy, but gain slightly less weight and exhibit increased thermogenesis due both to enhanced metabolic body heat and diet-driven physical activity," said Campbell at a conference on "The Role of Diet and Caloric Intake in Ageing, Obesity and Cancer," in Reston, Virginia.

He also reported that the same rats showed sharply reduced blood cholesterol concentrations and tumor development.

Details of the theory have been published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* by Campbell and Dr. Junshi Chen of the Chinese Academy of Preventive Medicine's Institute of Nutrition and Food Hygiene.

The Cornell rat studies, in which lab animals ate diets ranging from 5% to 20% protein in the form of casein from cow's milk, found another remarkable result: Rats on low-protein diets voluntarily exercised more. Given a choice of lounging around their cages or climbing on exercise wheels, the low-protein-fed rats spent more time burning calories compared with rats on moderate- and high-protein diets.

That increased exercise, as evidenced by Chinese who ride bicycles instead of driving to work, undoubtedly accounts for most of the expended energy.

A small amount of expended energy, the "missing matter," is at the heart of an apparent dietary paradox: Humans and animals on lower-protein, lower-fat diets consume more calories in the form of carbohydrates, but are less likely to convert the energy to body fat.

Studies at other institutions and at Campbell's Cornell laboratory, where the China Project http://www.human.cornell.edu/dns/chinaproject survey of thousands of Chinese families was based, are beginning to pinpoint this missing matter.

Humans and animals on low-protein, low-fat diets burn the energy off through very slight increases in thermogenesis, and release it as body heat instead turning it into body fat, according to Campbell.

"The difference is so slight and so difficult to measure that we have been missing it – perhaps as little as 50 calories a day in a 2,500-calorie diet – but those unburned calories can add up to about four kilos more a year," Campbell says.

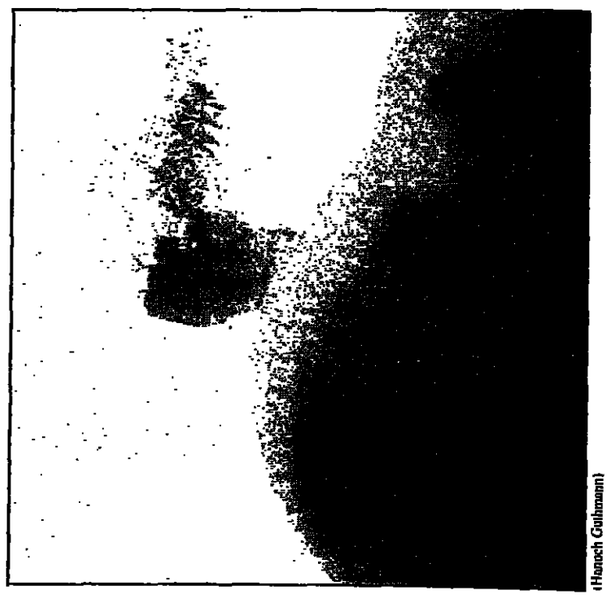
Further research is needed to explain the role of low-protein diets in increased thermogenesis, the biochemist says, suggesting two possible mechanisms for the effect: "There is some evidence it could be due to a small amount of a special tissue called brown adipose tissue, although this tissue is not thought to be as significant in humans as in some animals. In addition, most nutritionists regard animal protein as more 'efficient' than plant protein, and one of the efficiencies might result in converting the ingested energy directly to fat."

Discovery of the missing matter should be good news for the 25 to 34 percent of overweight adults in Western countries who spend billions of dollars a year on weight-loss programs and products, Campbell says.

"Living a long and healthy life in a body that uses food for energetic activities instead of creating more fat calls for long-term commitment to lifestyle changes and not to fad diets.

"Changing and committing to a healthful diet isn't always fast and easy, but it is worth it – both in weight control and in avoiding the diseases of extravagance, such as heart disease and cancer."

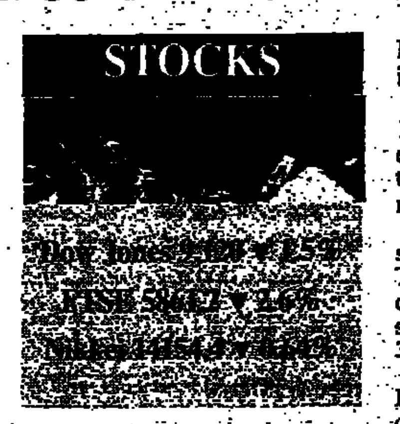
Most Americans already consume considerably more protein than the US government's Recommended Dietary Allowance calls for, Campbell observes. (Cornell University News Service)



(Hanoch Guhmann)

Regaining a waistline could take as little as eating 50 calories less of animal protein in a 2,500-calorie-a-day diet.

Dow down on IBM, Brazil woes



Stocks fell on Friday as Wall Street was disappointed by International Business Machine Corp.'s quarterly results, but bonds rose as worries about the Brazilian currency crisis sparked safe-haven buying.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 143.41 points, or 1.5 percent, at 9,120.67, putting the blue-chip index below the 9,181.43 mark where it started the year. For the week, it was off 219.88.

In the broader market, declining issues beat advances 1,815 to 1,221 on active volume of 773 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

The technology-laced Nasdaq composite index was off 5.84 points, or 0.2 percent, at 2,338.88.

"IBM's earnings came out good, but not spectacular, and it combined with Brazil for a general reallocation," said Dan Ascani, director of research at Global Market Strategists.

IBM fell 17-5/17 to close at 179-3/4 on the NYSE, where it was the most active stock. The loss accounted for roughly 71 points of the Dow's decline and wiped $16.56 billion off IBM's market capitalization.

Also, many investors had been banking that IBM would announce a stock split; it did not.

"I think investors are expecting earnings to come better than what they're going to be so in the near-term, we could have more of a pullback," said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist for Standard & Poor's Industry Reports.

IBM reported earnings late Thursday of $2.47 per share in the latest quarter, vs. expectations for profits of $2.45 against $2.11 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, concerns that Brazil's economic instability and currency devaluation, which could weaken other countries in Latin America – a major U.S. trading partner – weighed on stocks.

Brazil's Central Bank intervened in local currency markets for the first time since it let the currency, the real, float last week. The bank defended the real against a free fall.

"We're suffering from worries that the U.S. manufacturing sector could get weaker as we export less to [Brazil]," said Tom Carpenter, chief economist at ASB Capital Management Inc.

Europe

European bourses closed sharply lower on Friday, extending their losses after Wall Street began the day by shedding more than 100 points, depressed by Latin America's deepening economic mayhem.

The main stock indices in Germany, France and Spain all ended more than three percent down while London's FTSE 100 was hit almost as badly and closed 2.7% off.

Investors were worried by talk that Brazil's devaluation could ripple through other emerging markets and force devaluations elsewhere, especially in Argentina, as Brazilian exports become cheaper and more competitive in dollar terms.

Spain's close ties with Latin America ensured its markets suffered heavily, particularly its bank stocks.

Madrid's Ibex-35 index closed 3.11% lower to 9,612.0 points off prior lows of 9,451.5 points as the real picked up after a quick rescue by Brazil's central bank.

But Spanish dealers remained wary regarding the performance of Latin American currencies, fearing a knock-on effect.

In London, the FTSE closed 161.1 points lower at 5,861.2, extending Thursday's loss to leave the index 287.6 points below its record close set on January 6.

Highly-rated telecom stocks such as Vodafone and British Telecom together wiped 35 points off the FTSE 100, and drug stocks such as Glaxo Wellcome a further 33 points.

In was a similar story in Frankfurt where Germany's blue-chip Xetra DAX was shaken when Siemens AG forecast its sales growth would slow this year and Volkswagen AG's chief said the German auto industry would have to rationalize to survive.

The electronically-traded Xetra DAX closed down 3.01%, or 155.24 points, at 5,008.21.

Asia

Hong Kong stocks closed sharply lower, pummelled by worries about bank provisions and fears that Brazil's financial crisis may slow US growth and put pressure on currencies in China and Hong Kong.

The blue-chip Hang Seng Index dived 310.05 points or 3.09% to close at 9,738.52, a fall of 408.88 from a week ago.

Japan's key Nikkei average finished moderately lower, with high-tech manufacturers in Tokyo suffering from a setback of high-flying technology shares in the United States, traders said.

The Nikkei 225 average ended down 91.02 points or 0.64% at 14,154.40 a rise of 415.54 from last week.

Australian shares closed marginally lower, showing some resilience in the face of offshore market jitters as a long week-end approaches.

The benchmark All Ordinaries index ended 3.6 points or 0.13% down at 2,848.4, up 39.1 since last Friday.

(Reuters)

Dollar up against yen

NEW YORK (AP) – The dollar rose against the yen Friday, maintaining slim gains amid a tumbling US stock market and ongoing concerns about the currency crisis in Brazil.

Traders said some of the dollar's improvement against the Japanese currency may be due to suspicions that Brazil's financial woes will hurt Asian markets as much as US markets.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 114.54 Japanese yen, up from 113.68 Thursday.

In Brazil, meanwhile, the Central Bank sold dollars to support the real, which continued its slide. The slipped to 1.72 against the dollar, compared to 1.70 Thursday.

The dollar also rose slightly against the euro, as the European currency stayed within the narrow range it has traded in since its debut.

In New York, the euro was quoted at $1.1580, down from $1.1595 late Thursday.

The dollar was quoted at 1.3830 Swiss francs, down from 1.3839, and 1.5184 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5187. The British pound rose to $1.6554 from $1.6534.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate.

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	34.75	-0.5
Ampal American Israel	4.3125	-0.0625
Carmel Container Sys	5.375	+0.25
Electro Chemical Ind	0.75	0
Emultek	5.25	-0.0625
Etz Lavud	8.625	0
Etz Lavud Cl A	5.75	0
Integrated Technology	1.5	0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	2	+0.125
Accent Software	0.125	-0.03125
A.G. Associates	5.28125	+0
Aladdin	12.125	+0.0625
Ampal	11.8125	0
Arel Commun & Software	6.1875	+0
Arel Comm & Soft Warrant	1.1875	-0.21875
Better Online Solutions	5.25	-0.1875
Better Online Sol Ltd 99	0.1875	+0
Biogen Inc.	92.375	+2.625
Bio Technology General	6.5625	-0.3125
B.V.R. Systems Ltd	9.3125	-0.0625
B.V.R. Technologies	2.9375	-0.0625
Checkpoint Software	40.875	+0.625
Cimatron	1.4375	-0.15625
Comverse Technology	78.875	-0.125
Crystal Systems Solutions	11.9375	-0.4375
D.S.P.G. Group	19.75	-0.125
D.S.P.T. Tech	6.625	-0.21875
Data Systems Software	3.4375	+0.0625
ECI Telecom	39.625	-0.4375
Edusoft	7.6875	-0.125
Electric Fuel	3.9625	+0.375
Electronics for Imaging	36.6875	-1.6875
Elbit Computers	3.75	+0
Elron Electronics ord	15.1875	-0.3125
Elbit Medical Imaging	10.3125	-0.125
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.875	+0.25
Eltek Circuit Boards	0.96875	0
Engel General Developers	2.625	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	6.875	-0.125
Elbit Vision Systems	1.875	+0
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.375	0
Formula Systems (1985)	24.125	-0.6875
Forsoft Ltd	9.9375	-0.125
Fundtech	19.125	+0.125
Galileo	22.0625	-0.6875
G.Willi-Food	1.3125	-0.0625
Gilat Comm Ltd	10.25	-0.125
Gilat Satellite Networks	55.5	+0
Genesis Bms	3.25	+0.25
Healthcare Technologies	0.96875	+0
Home Center	10	+0.5
I.C.T.S.	5.375	0
IIC Industries	11	+1.625
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.6875	+0
Israel Land Develop - ADR	14.25	-0
Indigo	3.8125	-0.0625
ISG Intl Software Group	12.625	+0.625
Isramco	1.90625	-0.25
Lan Optics	1.6875	-0.0625
Logal	0.75	+0
Lovel 8 Systems	13.25	+0.625
M-Systems Flash Disk	5.5625	+0
Madge	3.625	-0.0625
Magal Security Systems	2.4375	-0.0625
Matav	22.5	-0.25
Medis El	6	-0.75
Memco	10.75	+0.125
Mer Telemanagement	1.5625	-0
Mercury	50.75	+2.625
Magic Software Enterprises	5.25	+0.125
Netmanage	1.34375	+0
New Dimension Software	48	+0.25
Nexus Telecomm Sys Ltd	2.75	-0.5
Nice Systems	25	-0.375
Neuro-Medical Systems	0.25	+0
Noga Electro Mechanical	1.0625	+0
Nur Tecnology	3	+0.125
Opti Systems Solutions	9.5	-0.5
Optomedics Medical Tech	1.125	+0.125
Optomedics Medical Warrant	0.3125	0
Orbit/FR Inc.	2.59375	-0.03125
Orbotech	40.675	-1.3125
Orckit	21.625	-0.1875
Oshap Technologies	7.25	+0
Paradigm Geophys	5.0625	+0.0625
Pharmos	1.625	-0.03125
Point of Sale	6.9375	-0.125
Rada Electronics Ind	1.0625	+0.0625
Radcom Ltd	3.5	+0
RIT Technologies	1.9375	+0
RSL Communications	25.875	+0.0625
Scitex Corporations	11	-0.375
Silicom	2.25	+0.0625
Summit Design	7.0625	+0.0625
Sapiens International	10.4375	-0.375
Scanvec	2.125	0
Tadiran Telecomm	[illegible]	+0.1875
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Tat Technologies	[illegible]	0
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Teva	43	-0.5
Top Image Systems	3.4375	+0.125
Top Image Systyms Warrant	0.25	+0
Tower Semiconductor	7.9375	+0.1875
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	6.875	-0.5
TTR Inc	-	-
TVG Technologies	0.46875	-0
TVG Tech A	0.25	0
TVG Tech B	0.3125	+0
TVG Tech C	0.21875	+0
Vocaltec	14.9375	-0.4375
Wiz Tec Solutions	12.9375	-0.4375
Zoran Corporation	14.375	-1.125

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Amdocs	17.125	+0.75
Blue Square	11.5625	+0.4375
D.S.P. Communications	19.5	-0.25
Elscint	11.875	-0.125
First Israel Fund	11.4375	+0.0625
PEC Israel Economic Corp	25.375	-0.3125
Koor	18.125	-0.0625
Simula Inc	7.3125	+0
Super-Sol Ltd	12	-0.1875
Tadiran		
Tefron Ltd	7.75	-0.125

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	196.5	+0
Dmatek Ltd	29	-0.5
Pilat	14	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	-	

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

Aca	44.375	-0.625
AMP Inc	50.6875	-0.1875
AMR Corp	56.25	-3.125
ASA	17	-0.625
Abbott Labs	44.25	-0.75
Advanced Micro	21.5625	+0.5625
Aetna Lfe	82	-0.0625
Affiliated Publ	17.25	+0
Aflac	41.875	-0.9375
Air Prods	35.875	-0.75
Alberto-Culv B	26.1875	-0.5
Albertson's	59	-0.8125
Alcan Aluminum	25.0625	-1.5625
Allied Signal	39.625	-0.125
Alcoa	81.25	-2.75
Amazon	123	+17
Amerada Hess	49.5625	-0.5625
Amer Brands	22.875	-0.0625
Amer El Power	46.0625	+0
Amer Express	98.5	-4
Amer Genl Corp	65.9375	+1.0625
Amer Greeting	39.125	-1.125
Amer Home Pr	52.125	-0.9375
Amer Intl	98.1875	-1.5
Amer Natl Ins	83.125	-1.875
Amer Power Conv	45.8125	-1.4375
Amer Stores	34.8125	-0.4375
Amer T & T	88.25	+0.1875
Amer West Hldg	22.3125	-0.75
Ameritech	68.25	+1.125
Ametek Inc	18.5625	+0.1875
Amgen	114.625	+4.625
Amoco		-
Analog Devices	28.75	-0.9375
Andrew Corp	18.875	-0.4375
Anheuser-Busch	67.1875	-0.0625
Aon Corp	52.3125	-0.5
Apple Computer	38.75	-0.0625
Applied Magnetics	6.0625	-0.4375
Applied Materials	54.625	-0.6875
Archer Daniels	15.5625	-0.1875
Armco	5.125	+0.125
Armstrong World	61.125	-0.6875
Asarco	15.1875	-0.625
Ascend	79.1875	-2.5625
Ashland Coal	13.25	-0.4375
Ashland Oil	47.25	-0.1875
Atlantic Energy	22.3125	-0.0625
Atlantic Rchfld	60	+0
Auto Data Pro	37.8125	-0.25
Autodesk	43.875	-1.4375
Avery Dennison	39.75	-0.4375
Avnet Inc	44.9375	-0.5625
Avon Products	37.5625	-0.8125
Barnes Corp	6.75	-0.25
Baker Hughes	18.4375	+0
Ball Corp	43.9375	+0.25
Baltimore Gas	22.25	-0.125
Banc One Corp	50.125	-1.6875
Bandag	40.875	+0.0625
BankAmerica	65.0625	-0.4375
Bank of Boston	37.625	-1.125
Bank of New Yk	35.9375	+0.0625
Bankers Trst NY	87	-0.0625
Barnes & Noble	38.8125	-0.5625
Battle Mount Gd	4.125	-0.3125
Bausch & Lomb	60.375	-0.125
Baxter Intl	62.5625	-0.6875
Becton Dickinson	33.75	-3.0625
Bed Bath & Bynd	32.75	+1.4375
Bell Atlantic	56.6875	+0.375
Bell Industries	11.3125	+0.0625
BellSouth	48.0625	+1.625
HA Belo Corp	18.9375	-0.375
Beneficial Corp	20.5	0
Bethlehem Steel	9.25	+0.0625
Beverly Entprs	8.3125	-0.125
Biomet	35.6875	+0
Black & Decker	58.875	-0.375
Boeing	34.5	+1.125
Boise Cascade	32.125	+0.5625
Books a Million	11.5625	-0.5625
Borden Inc	24.25	+0.5625
Bowater Inc	40.375	-1.1875
Briggs & Strtn	49.9375	-1.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	118.875	-3.0625
Brit Airws ADR	58.25	-2.75
Brit Steel ADR	19.4375	-0.5625
Brit Telecom	156	-0.6875
Brown Group	15.875	+0
Brown & Sharpe	7.875	-0.125
Browning Ferris	27.5625	+0.0625
Brunswick	25.5	-0.1875
Burlington Nthn	32.9375	-0.0625
Burlington Res	33.4375	-0.875
CBS Inc	35	-0.625
CMS Energy Corp	45.375	+0.5
CSX Corporation	40	+1.4375
Cabot Corp	25.8125	-0.625
Campbell Soup	44.3125	+0.25
Canadian Pac	20.375	+0
Capital Cts ABC	53.875	-0.25
Capstead	5.1875	+0
Caremark Corp	25.8125	+0.0625
Carnival Corp	42.625	-0.75
Carolina Pwr Lt	43.375	-0.0625
Carpenter Tech	32.1875	-1.1875
Caterpillar	43.9375	-0.9375
Centex Corp	40	-0.0625
Central & SW	27.0625	-0.25
Ceridian	72.0625	-1.5
Champion Intl	36.875	-1.6875
Chrmg Shoppes	4.0625	+0.0625
Chase Manhattan	71.875	-3.5
Chevron Corp	80	+1
Citigroup Inc	51.625	-0.8125
Chiquita Brands	9.875	+0.125
Cholestec	3.625	+0
Chubb Corp	57.625	-0.375
Cisco	102.813	+1.5
Clevld Cliffs	40.4375	-0.3125
Clorox	114.375	+2.625
Coastal Corp	30.9375	-0.0625
Coca Cola	60.875	-0.6875
Coca Cola Ent	33.9375	+0
Colgate Palmolv	75.25	-1.8125
Comcast Corp A	65.5625	-2
Compaq	46.1875	-1.5
Compute Ass Int	47.9375	-0.875
Computer Sci	64.5	+0.75
Conagra	32.125	+0.6875
Cons Edison	50.4375	-0.0625
Cons Freightwys	40.9375	-1.5625
Cons Nat Gas	52.3125	-0.0625
Cooper Inds	43.1875	-0.9375
Coors (Adolph)	58.0625	-1.8125
Corning Inc	48.9375	+0.0625
Crane	29.0625	+0.3125
Crompton Knowles	18.25	-0.875
Crown Cork Seal	33.8125	+0.3125
Cummins Engine	36.375	-1.5875
Curtiss-Wright	36.75	+0.25
Cypress Semicon	9.5	+0
Cypress Mineral	10.0625	-0.1875
Cytec Indust	20.4375	+0.4375
DaimlerChrys	103.938	-1.6875
DQE	41.3125	-0.1875
Dallas Semi	36.8125	-1.9375
Dana Corp	39.125	-0.75
Data General	20.625	-0.75
Dayton Hudson	59.9375	+1
De Beers	14.0625	+0
Deere	32.25	-1
Dell Computers	83	-1.1875
Delta Air Lines	48	-1.375
Deluxe Corp	35.1875	-0.3125
Detroit Edison	42	+0.125
Dial Corp Del	27.0625	+0.1875
Diebold Inc	34.4375	-1.0625
Dillard Dep St	25.125	-0.875
Disney (Walt)	34.125	-0.4375
Dominion Res	45.0625	+0.5625
Donelley (RR)	36.75	-1.125
Dover Corp	32	-1
Dow Chemicals	86.75	+0
Dow Jones	45.3125	+0.1875
Duke Power	63.5	-0.0625
Dun & Bradst	31.125	-0.375
Du Pont	54.3125	+0.25
E G & G Corp	26.8125	-0.375
Eastern Ents	39.875	-0.6875
Eastman Kodak	65.5	+0.25
Eaton Corp	71	-0.3125
Egghead Com	20.125	+0.1875
Emerson Elec	55.375	-2.5625
Engelhard Corp	19.8125	-0.0625
Enron Corp	66.3125	+0.3125
Entergy Corp	30.125	+0.3125
Enzo Biochem	10.5625	+0.1875
Equifax Inc	37.5625	-1.5625
Ericsson	23.8125	+0
Ethyl Corp	6.375	+0
Exide Corp	19	+0
Exxon	71.375	+0.25
FMC Corp	54	-2.0625
FPL Group	56.3125	-0.3125
Fedders Corp	5.4375	+0.125
Federal Exprss	76.25	-1.1875
Federal Mogul	63.25	-0.9375
Fed Nat Mtge	70.5	+1.25
First Union	56.0625	-0.9375
Fruit of the Loom	17.8125	+0
Fst Union Rlty	5.25	-0.25
Fleet Finl Grp	42.9375	+0.25
Fleetwd Enterp	36.125	-1.625
Fleming Cos Ok	9.375	+0.125
Florida Prog	42.4375	+0.5
Fluor Corp	40.75	-0.1875
Food Lion Inc	9.625	-0.15625
Ford Motor	60.875	-1.1875
Fortune Brands	32	-0.625
Foster Wheeler	13.6875	+0.125
Furniture Brands	26.5625	-0.3125
Gateway 2000	62.5	+4.5
GATX Corp	37.4375	-0.4375
GTE Corp	68.75	+1.75
Gannett	62	-1.5625
Gap Inc Del	59.4375	+1.0625
Gencorp	24.125	+0.0625
Gen Am Invest	31	-0.25
Gen Dynamics	53.5	-0.4375
Gen Electric	97.875	-1.4375
Gen Mills	79.4375	-1.1875
Gen Motors	90.75	+0.8125
Gen Motors H	46.625	+1.875
Gen Public Utl	44.125	+0.8125
Gen Reinsurnce		-
Gen DataComm	2.9375	+0.125
Genuine Parts	31.4375	-0.3125
Georgia Pac	60	-2.25
Germany Fund	14.6875	-0.125
Gillette	51.875	+0.9375
Glaxo ADR	69.5625	-1.75
Golden W Finl	89.75	+0.5
Goodrich (BF)	34.625	-0.4375
Goodyear Tire	48	-0.125
Grace (W&R)	14.75	-0.6875
Grainger (WW)	37.75	-0.4375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	30.5	+0.625
Grt Central Mine	2.5625	-0.0625
Gulf Canada Rec	2.6875	-0.0625
Halliburton	32	+0.375
Hanna (MA)	12.375	+0.4375
Harcourt	50.125	-0.9375
Harley Davidson	48.0625	-0.5
Harnischfeger	9.125	-0.4375
Harrah's Ent	15.0625	-1.0625
Harris Corp	36.5625	-0.8125
Harsco Corp	25.75	-0.3125
Hartmax	5.5	-0.25
Hasbro	34.5	-0.25
HBO & Co		-
Health Care Ppt	29.9375	-0.0625
Hecla Mining	3.9375	-0.0625
Heinz (HJ)	52.875	+0.375
Helix Technol	19	+0.25
Hmrch & Payne	19.25	-0.0625
Hercules	27.375	+0.3125
Hershey Foods	59	+1
Hewlett Packard	69.625	-0.5625
Hilton Hotels	15	-0.4375
Hirsch Int	4.125	-0.125
Hollinger	13.375	-0.5625
Home Depot	55.9375	-0.75
Homestake	10.6875	-0.0625
Honeywell	65.1875	-2.8125
Hormel (Geo)	31.625	+0
Household Intl	46	+2.75
Houston Inds	31.3125	+0.1875
Humana	19.375	+0.9375
IBM	179.75	-17.25
Illinova Corp	25.0625	+0.25
Illinois Tool	60.3125	-0.6875
INCO	11.375	-0.375
Ind Comm Bank	18.375	+0.1875
Ingersoll Rand	46.5625	-0.8125
Inland Steel	14.875	-0.25
Intel Corp	128.875	-4.625
Intergraph	5.125	+0.09375
Interlake	6.8125	-0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	43.0625	-0.625
Intl Multifoods	23.875	+0.1875
Intl Paper	41	-1.3125
Interpublic	75.4375	+0
Jefferson Pil	71.25	-1
Johnson & J	78.5	-1.5
K Mart	15.8125	+0.5
K Tel Int	11.375	+0.1875
Kaiser Alum	5.6875	-0.0625
Kellogg	38.125	+0.6875
KLA Instruments	51.25	-2.8125
Kennametal	23.375	-1.9375
Kerr-McGee	34.8125	-1.25
KeyCorp	31.0625	-0.25
Kimberly-Clark	48.25	-2.0625
King World Prod	27.4375	-0.8125
Knight Ridder	47	-0.25
Kroger	56.625	-0.5625
LSI Logic	21.1875	+0
Leggett & Platt	22.0625	+0.5
Leucadia Natl	31.375	+0
Lilly (Eli)	80.25	+2.3125
Limited Inc	31.9375	-0.625
Linear Technol	96.9375	-0.875
Lincoln Nat	79	-0.5
Litton	59.4375	-0.375
Liz Claiborne	36.1875	+0.875
Lockheed Corp	37.6875	-0.3125
Loews Corp	87.75	-0.5625
Lone Star	38.6875	-0.3125
Longs Drug Strs	37	-0.125
Loral Corp	19.625	-0.25
Louisiana Pacif	17.5	-0.625
Lowe's Co Inc	52.8125	+1.1875
Lucent Tech	103.313	-3.625
Lubrizol	22.75	+1
Madge	3.625	-0.0625
Mallinckrodt	30.8125	-0.375
Mapco Inc	19.25	-0.625
Marriott	32	+0.0625
Mrsh & McLn	57.9375	-2.125
Masco Corp	30.0625	+0.875
Massmutual Corp	23.625	-0.1875
Mattel Inc	21.5	-0.25
May Dept St	57.9375	-1.125
Maytag Corp	63.625	-0.125
McDermott	23	-0.3125
McDonalds	76	-0.6875
McGraw Hill	113.313	+3.8125
McKesson Corp	84.125	-3.875
Mead Corp	28.9375	-1.1875
Medtronic	67.875	-1.0625
Mellon Bk	68.375	-0.125
Mentor Graphics	9.875	-0.0625
Merck Inc	139	-7.3125
Meredith Corp	35.0625	+0.0625
Merrill Lynch	71.4375	-2.3125
Micron Technol	70.5	+0.6875
Microsoft Corp	155.25	-2.0625
Millipore	32.4375	-0.125
Mine Safety App	66.875	+0.875
Minnesota Mine	71.3125	-1.25
Mitchell Energy	12.75	+0.125
Mobil Corp	86.25	+0.25
Molex Inc	27.125	+1.875
Monarch Macht	7	+0.125
Monsanto	39.25	+0.625
Morgan (JP)	103.125	-2.75
Morton Intl	24.8125	-0.6875
Motorola Inc	68	+0.25
Murphy Oil	39.0625	-0.3125
Nacco Inds	87.25	-2.1875
Nalco Chemical	27.625	-1.0625
Nashua Corp	12.6875	+0.0625
Natl City Corp	69.9375	+1.375
Natl Semi	14.25	+0
Natl Serv Ind	34.625	-0.625
NatWest Bank	112.813	-4.1875
Navistar Int	32.25	-0.3125
Netscape	59.875	-0.8125
New England El	48.875	+0.25
News Corp	26.4375	+0.25
NY Times	32.75	+0
Newmont Mining	18.5625	-0.25
Ntag Mohawk	15.125	-0.1875
Nicor Inc	40.0625	-0.4375
Nike Inc	41.75	+2.3125
NL Industries	12.75	+0.4375
Noble Affil	23.5625	+0.125
Nokia	144.563	-0.4375
Nordstrom	36.9375	+2.75
Norfolk Southrn	28.5625	-0.125
Northeast Util	15.875	+0
Northern Telecom	53.5	-0.5
Novell	19.1875	-0.25
Nthn State Pwr	26.4375	+0.125
Northrop	60.25	-0.625
NSI	0.25	+0
Occidental Pet	15.9375	-0.1875
Ogden Corp	26.875	+0.25
OEA	13.875	-0.125
Ohio Casualty	43.125	+0.125
Olin Corp	25.875	-0.5
Omnicom Group	60.0625	-1.8125
Oneok Inc	31.8125	-0.0625
Oracle Systems	49.875	+1.1875
Oryx Energy Co	12.125	-0.9375
Oshkosh B'gosh	17	+0.0625
Overseas Ship	15.0625	-0.1875
Owens Corning	36.8125	+0.0625
PNC Financial	47.625	+0
PPG Industries	55.625	-1.25
Paccar Inc	41.1875	+0.4375
Pac Gas & Elect	32.75	+0.625
Pall Corp	23.75	+0.0625
Parker Drilling	3.75	+0
Parker Hannifin	29.625	-0.875
Payless Shoe	49.625	+0.3125
Penney(JC)	39.875	+1.375
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	27	+0.25
Pennzoil	15.9375	-0.25
People's Energy	35.375	-1.1875
Pepsico	38.9375	+1
Perkin Elmer	91.3125	-2.875
Pfizer	115.75	-0.75
Pharmacia & Upj	58.9375	+0.125
Phelps Dodge	46	-2
Philadel Elec	38.1875	+0.1875
Philip Morris	46.375	+0.1875
Phillips Elec	77.4375	+1.4375
Phillips Pet	41.25	+0.5
Phycor Inc	7.0625	+0.4375
Pioneer Hi Bred	28	-1.4375
Pitney Bowes	62.6875	-1.75
Policy Mgt Sys	51.0625	-0.8125
Polycom	26.75	+1.625
Potash Corp	65.5	-1.125
Potomac El Pwr	24.5625	+0.3125
Procter & Gamble	85.3125	-1.1875
Promus Hotel Cor	30.0625	-0.6875
Pub Svc Enterpr	39.75	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	26.25	-0.0625
Quaker Oats	55.9375	+0.375
Qualcom	59	-0.5
Quanex Corp	21	+0.75
RJR Nabisco	27.75	+0
Ralston Purina	26.0625	+0.625
Rank Organsn ADR	6.5	+0.125
Raychem Corp	24.5625	-0.0625
Raytheon A	53	+0.4375
Raytheon B	53.9375	+0.3125
Reebok Intl	15.0625	-0.875
Republic NY	40.625	-1.5625
Reynolds Reyn A	20.1875	+0
Reynolds Metals	49.875	-2
Rite Aid Corp	48.1875	-0.875
Rockwell Intl	41.625	-0.4375
Rohm & Haas	30.9375	-1.9375
Rouse	25.125	-0.375
Rowan	9.6875	+0
Royal Dutch	43.5625	-1.4375
Rubbermaid	28.375	-0.0625
Ruddick	18.5625	+0.625
Russell Corp	19.3125	-0.9375
Ryder System	25.25	-0.75
SPS Technology	52.875	-0.125
Safeco Corp	40.875	-0.375
Safety-Kleen	14.3125	-0.3125
St Paul's Cos	30.0625	-0.3125
Sara Lee Corp	25.0625	+0.1875
Schering Plough	52.1875	+0.25
Schlumberger	51.5	+1.625
Scientif Atlanta	29.375	+0.9375
Scripps	45.9375	-1.5625
Seagate Tech	38.5	-1.4375
Seagram	44.4375	+0.5
Sears Roebuck	40.875	+0.125
Sempra Energy	24.4375	-0.1875
Sensormatic Elec	10.25	+0.125
Sequent Computer	14.0625	-0.3125
Service Corp I	34.625	-0.5
Service Master	18.6875	-0.5
Shell Trans	33.1875	-0.75
Sherwin Willms	26.0625	-0.6875
Shoney's Inc	3.0625	+0.1875
Sigma Aldrich	27.6875	-0.5
Silicon Graphics	16.8125	-0.875
Skyline Corp	32.5	+0.25
Smith Intl	29.0625	+0.5625
SmKline Bchm A	69.75	-1.375
Snap-On-Tools	34.5	-0.5625
Sonat	25.4375	+0.4375
Sonoco Prods	27.875	-0.3125
Sony Corp ADR	70.5	-1.25
Southdown	58.125	+0.375
Southern Co	28.25	-0.125
Southw Airlines	26.6875	-0.125
SBC Sthwstn Bell	56.625	-0.5625
Spring Inds	40	-0.625
Sprint Corp	80.5	+1.4375
Standard Prods	20	+0.125
Stanley Works	26.875	-0.25
Storage Technol	33.625	+0.75
Sun America	1.4375	+0.0625
Sunbeam Corp	7	-0.1875
Sun Company	33.9375	-0.6875
Sundstrand	46.9375	-0.3125
Sun Microsystms	98	-0.25
Sunshine Mining	0.625	+0
Suntrust	69.9375	-1.0625
Supervalu	26.75	+0.25
Symantec	22.75	+0.75
Sysco Corp	25.6875	+0.4375
TJX Cos Inc	29.1875	+0.6875
TRW Inc	50.0625	-0.5625
Tab Products	7.0625	-0.0625
Tandy Corp	47.625	+1
Telecom Corp	65.375	+0.4375
Telefonos de Mex	49.125	-0.8125
Telef De Espana	137.125	-4.1875
Temple Inland	58.6875	-2.3125
Tenneco	34.125	+0.125
Tenet Health	21	+0.0625
Teradyne	57.25	-2.75
Tesoro Pet	11.625	-0.25
Texaco	50.25	-0.5625
Texas Instrmnts	93	-3.125
Texas Utilities	44.9375	+0
Textron	70	-0.6875
Thomas & Betts	46.5	-0.5625
ThreeCom	45.375	-1.9375
Time Warner	62.75	+0.375
Times-Mirror	54.375	-1.625
Timken	21.1875	+0.75
Torchmark	33.0625	-0.1875
Tosco Corp	22.5	-0.375
Toys R Us	14.5	-1.3125
Transamerica	55.25	-0.5
Transco Energy	80.0625	-1.1875
Tribune	63.1875	-2.1875
Triton Energy	7.3125	+0.125
TWA	4.6875	+0
Tyco Intl Ltd	69.125	-0.625
Tyler	4.9375	+0.1875
UAL Corp	59.8125	-0.1875
USG Corp	51.125	+0.875
UST Inc	31.9375	+0.5625
USX Marathon	27.4375	-0.75
USX-US Steel	25.1875	-0.8125
Ultramar Diam	22.625	-0.5
Unicom Corp	36.4375	+0.125
Unilever PLC	40.75	-0.75
Unilever NV	78.75	-1.875
Union Camp	63.4375	-1.5625
Union Carbide	42.75	-0.5625
Union Pacific	49.4375	-1
Unisys Corp	34.25	-1.125
USAir Group	50.125	+0.375
US Home	35.75	+0.6875
US Trust	75.875	-0.6875
US West	61.4375	+0.3125
United Tech	114.563	+0.625
Unocal Corp	30.25	-0.1875
VF Corp	43.9375	+0.125
VMRX Pharmaceutic	1.6875	-0.09375
Valero Energy	18.625	-0.3125
Varian Assoc	35.3125	-0.9375
Viacom Inc	81.625	+1.5
Vishay	14.1875	-0.4375
Vulcan Materials	132	-1.125
Wachovia	84.9375	-0.875
Walgreen	58.4375	+0.8125
Wal-Mart Stores	82	+2.8375
Warner-Lambert	67.9375	+0.9375
Wash Gas Light	24.4375	-0.1875
Washington Post	584	+5.375
Waste Mgmnt Inc	46.6875	-1.5625
Watkins-Johnson	23.75	-0.125
Weis Markets	38.5	+0.0625
Wells Fargo	36.75	-0.375
Wendy's Intl	22.5625	+0
Westvaco	23.8125	-1.1875
Weyerhaeuser	53	-4.0625
Whirlpool	50.75	-1.25
Whitman	22.0625	+0.6875
Williams Co	32.5	+2
Winn Dixie Stos	43.875	+0.375
Woolworth	5.6875	-0.25
World Comm	74.875	+1
Worthington Ind	13.75	+0
Wrigley	88.5625	+0.4375
Xerox	109.688	-2.375
Yahoo	266	+21
Yellow Freight	18.25	+0.125

LONDON

Allied Domecq	465	-5
Allied Zurich	904	-26.5
BAT Inds	603	-9
BT	935	-22
BTR	108.75	+1.5
Barclays	1404	-31
Bass	778.5	-2
Boots	855.5	-20
British Airways	344.5	-16.75
Comm Union plc	826.5	-30
Diageo	659.5	-9.5
General Electric	546.5	+17
Glaxo	2094	-79
Halifax	757	-35
HSBC (75p shs)	1649	-67
ICI	495	-11
Land Securities	720	-15.5
Lloyds Bank	810	-18
Marks & Spencer	333.25	-1.25
NatWest Bank	1148	-40
Prudential	924	-18
Reuters	858.5	-38.5
Sainsbury	418.25	-14.5
Shell Transport	327.25	-8.25
Tyco Intl	4300	+50
Unilever	598	-20.5
Zeneca	2843	-13

PARIS

Accor	172.5	-7.5
Air Liquide	147.6	-2.4
Alcatel Alsthom	94.1	-5.7
Euro Disney	1.13	+0.01
Michelin B	30.5	+0
Moulinex	10.42	-0.52
Paribas	80.2	-2.85
Pernod Ricard	53	-0.45
Peugeot	138	-2.4
Saint Gobain	110.8	-1.1

FRANKFURT

Bayer	32.75	+0.2
Daimler-Benz	-	-
Lufthansa	19.1	-0.85
Mannesmann	-	-
Metallgesellschaft	12.8	-0.05
Volkswagen	67.3	-4

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 22-JAN-99)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	4.4669	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	4.082	0
British Pound (1)	6.6973	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.4247	0
French Franc (1)	0.723	0
Japanese Yen (100)	3.5884	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.9644	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.6955	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.4492	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.7372	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	9120.67	0
DJ Transport	3063.8	0
DJ Utils	308.73	0
DJ Comp	2837.08	0
NYSE Industr	724.44	-5.34
NYSE Transport	481.94	-6.48
NYSE Comp	583.75	-4.28
S&P 100	610.36	-6.7
S&P Spot Index	1225.19	-9.97
Israel Index	291.81	-1.71

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5861.2	+0
Tokyo Nikkei	14154.4	+0
Singapore all-share index	398.73	+0
Hong Kong Hang Seng index	9738.5	+0
Israel Index	291.81	-1.71
Paris CAC 40	4019.33	-134.7
DAX	5156.67	+0
Madrid	876.81	+0
Swiss Market Index	7036.4	-89
Sydney	2848.4	+0
Milan	1482.08	+0

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6557	+0.0034
Mar.future (CME)	1.6524	+0.0018
D-mark: spot	1.6878	+0.0025
Mar.future (CME)	0.5939	-0.0007
S-franc spot	1.3834	-0.0011
Mar.future (CME)	0.7262	-0.0002
Yen: spot	114.56	+0.72
Mar.future (CME)	0.008776	-8.1e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5183	+0.0037
Mar.future (CME)	0.6584	-0
AusDlr: spot	0.6327	-0.0075
Mar.future (CME)	0.6317	-0.0119
F-franc: spot	5.6609	+0.0085
It Lira: spot	1671.5	+3
Nlg: spot	1.9018	+0.0029
AutShlg: spot	11.8777	+0.0031
Rand: spot	6.115	+0.05
EURO: spot	1.1567	-0.0018

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (CEC)	1317	-33
Coffee (Mar) (CEC)	105.5	-0.5
Wheat (Mar) (CBOT)	271.25	+3.25
Soybean (Mar) (CBOT)	525.75	-4.75
Orange juice (Mar)(CEC)	-	-
Crude Oil (Mar)(NYMEX)	12.69	+0.23
Bonds Mar.future	12726	+100
S and P Mar.future	1232	-1

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Mar) (LCE)	895	-17
Coffee (Mar) (LCE)	1698	+3
Sugar (Mar) (LCE)	222.5	-8.5
Brent crude oil (Mar)(IPE)	1098	+14

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.11	-0.01

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Feb)	286.7	-1.3
Silver (Mar)	5.085	-0.028
Platinum (Apr)	351.1	-3.6
Palladium (Mar)	321.05	+1.05
High-grade copper (Mar)	0.657	-0.0015

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	287.25	+0.15
Gold PM fix	287	-0.75
Silver fix	513.5	-1.7

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israeli time. All others are closing quotes.)

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (22.1.99)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	4.4310	4.5025	—	—	4.4668
U.S. dollar	4.0493	4.1147	3.97	4.18	4.0820
EU euro	4.7050	4.7809	—	—	4.7423
German mark	2.4056	2.4444	2.36	2.49	2.4247
Pound sterling	6.7017	6.8098	6.58	6.91	6.7588
French franc	0.7172	0.7288	0.70	0.74	0.7230
Japanese yen (100)	3.5586	3.6160	3.49	3.67	3.5884
Dutch florin	2.1350	2.1695	2.10	2.21	2.1520
Swiss franc	2.9405	2.9880	2.89	3.03	2.9644
Swedish krona	0.5234	0.5319	0.51	0.54	0.5275
Norwegian krone	0.5454	0.5542	0.53	0.57	0.5499
Danish krone	0.6326	0.6429	0.62	0.66	0.6377
Finnish mark	0.7913	0.8041	0.77	0.82	0.7976
Canadian dollar	2.6720	2.7151	2.62	2.76	2.6955
Australian dollar	2.5825	2.6242	2.53	2.67	2.6057
S. African rand	0.6679	0.6787	0.60	0.68	0.6670
Belgian franc (10)	1.1663	1.1852	1.14	1.21	1.1756
Austrian schilling (10)	3.4192	3.4744	3.36	3.53	3.4463
Italian lira (1000)	2.4299	2.4691	2.39	2.51	2.4492
Jordanian dinar	5.6913	5.7831	5.59	6.00	5.7372
Egyptian pound	—	—	1.13	1.23	1.1830
Irish punt	5.9740	6.0704	5.88	6.17	6.0215
Spanish peseta (100)	2.8277	2.8734	2.78	2.92	2.8502

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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Agassi becomes clear Open favorite

MELBOURNE (Reuters) – Champion Petr Korda battled bravely against a largely hostile crowd and a fired-up Todd Martin at the Australian Open yesterday, losing his crown but not his self-respect in a dramatic 7-5 4-6 7-6 5-7 6-4 third round defeat.

Korda's departure – the holder had been under a cloud after failing a dope test at Wimbledon – robbed the tournament of yet another big name on a day that saw showman Andre Agassi installed as hot favorite in the men's singles.

Former world No. 1 Agassi looked every inch the born-again champion as he trampled Czech Jiri Novak 6-3 6-2 6-1 to set up a fourth round against compatriot Vince Spadea.

But another former champion from the US, Jim Courier, bowed out injured as he was trailing Russian 10th seed Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Russian Anna Kournikova finally slayed her double-faulting demon to set up a clash with former champion Mary Pierce. Four times winners Steffi Graf and Monica Seles both came under pressure and survived the third round, along with 14th seed Sandrine Testud.

Holder Martina Hingis joined them after giving a tennis lesson to Australian Jelena Dokic.

Martin, the 15th seed, hit 29 aces and dominated from the baseline throughout his three hour 25 minutes marathon with Korda.

Martin, 1994 runner-up to Pete Sampras, will meet Wayne Black of Zimbabwe in the fourth round.

Korda was hailed as the people's champion last year after battling his way through the men's draw to claim his first grand slam title at the unlikely age of 30.

But after he tested positive for a steroid at Wimbledon – and escaped a ban – Korda met a hostile reception in Melbourne and even suffered the indignity of his first round opponent refusing to shake his hand.

After yesterday's battle, ATP Tour players' representative Martin rewarded him with a handshake and his congratulations.

"Without making a commentary on the whole anti-doping issue, I told him that I thought here he had dealt with the whole thing very well," Martin said.

"And to be able to come out and play that calibre of tennis I thought was pretty admirable, regardless of anybody's opinion on the doping issue." The proud Czech added: "I said at the beginning I would defend my title in the best way I can. I think I did that today – I lost to the better player." Agassi, who won the tournament at his first attempt in 1995, dominated from the baseline against the 73rd-ranked Novak – but still found the pace to reach every short shot his opponent dropped over the net.

France's Testud saved a crucial match point against powerful US teenager Serena Williams and held on through a nervous final set to win 6-2 2-6 9-7.

Seles scored a 6-3 3-6 6-4 victory over Belgian Sabine Appelmans that took her winning streak at Melbourne Park to 31 singles matches.

Seles has not lost in the event since appearing at the season's first Grand Slam event eight years ago, although she missed four tournaments – two of them after being stabbed by a Steffi Graf fan in Hamburg in 1993.

Graf faced the toughest opposition of any seeded woman in American Mary-Joe Fernandez. Graf lost the first set but fought her way back for a 4-6 6-3 6-4 victory.

Second seed Hingis cut down world junior No. 1 Dokic on her Centre Court debut, crushing the 15-year-old 6-1 6-2 to book a showdown with South African Amanda Coetzer.

"I'm winning very easily. That's good for me," said Hingis.

"I keep my power for the tougher matches." After two nightmare rounds riddled with a total of 54 double faults, 12th seed Kournikova reduced the figure to 14 against Germany's Andrea Glass. Only one occurred in the final set as the Russian won 4-6 6-2 6-3.

French seventh seed Pierce easily defeated Italian Rita Grande 6-2 6-2, faltering slightly on her serve but making no mistakes on her backhand.

"I'll definitely have to step it up another level," she said of her showdown with Kournikova and her prospects beyond that.

On Friday, US Open champion Patrick Rafter was run over by Thomas Enqvist, sixth seed Tim Henman was baffled by Marc Rosset and Wimbledon women's champion Jana Novotna created her own nightmare.

And that was just in the day session. Under the Center Court lights, No. 26-ranked Wayne Ferreira came back from two sets down to oust ninth seed Richard Krajicek 6-7 (1-7), 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. The South African bested Krajicek 75 to 49 in baseline winners in the 3-hour, 19-minute match.

No. 3 seed Rafter could have overtaken him by reaching the final. Enqvist won 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. "I feel like I'm playing well enough to beat anyone in the draw, but that is not the same thing as going all the way and winning it." So far this year, Enqvist has won 11 consecutive matches in two tuneups for this tournament.

Enqvist next plays Mark Philippoussis, the US Open runner-up, No. 14 seed here and Australia's other hope for its first native winner of the Australian Open since Mark Edmondson in 1976.

Philippoussis never faced a break point after the first set as he served 17 aces and beat Slovakia's Jan Kroslak 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.

Another Slovak player, No. 7 Karol Kucera, a semifinalist last year, advanced with a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Russian Marat Safin. He next plays Ferreira.

But Henman, leading 5-2 in the first-set tiebreaker, never recovered from the ensuing series of winners by Rosset and went out 7-6 (7-5), 6-3, 7-5.

Rosset had a narrow escape when he decided to stay in the United States and practice instead of following his original plan to return on a Swiss Air flight last September 2. The plane crashed, killing 229 people.

In women's matches, top seed Lindsay Davenport beat Slovakia's Karina Habsudova 6-0, 6-4 and No. 5 Venus Williams beat Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir 6-3, 6-4.



Todd Martin (right) shakes hands with defending champion Petr Korda after winning 7-5, 4-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 to secure a fourth-round berth yesterday. (Reuters)

SPORTS *in brief*

Libyan IOC member resigns

LAUSANNE (AP) – The IOC delegate from Libya resigned Friday, the second member of the international body to step down in the Salt Lake City bribery scandal.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch told The Associated Press that Bashir Mohamed Attarabulsi submitted his resignation in person Friday morning.

Injured Ortlieb announces retirement

KITZBUEHEL (Reuters) – Austria's injured former world and Olympic downhill champion Patrick Ortlieb ended his 11-year career in Alpine skiing yesterday.

The 31-year old veteran suffered a complicated compound fracture of his right thigh on Thursday in a crash during training on Kitzbuehel's notorious Streif piste.

The 1992 Olympic and 1996 world champion also badly dislocated and slightly fractured his right hip, tore lateral right knee ligaments and was treated for a minor lung injury.

SA snatch victory off final ball

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) – South Africa snatched a dramatic two-wicket victory over West Indies off the final ball of their rain-affected one-day match at the Wanderers on Friday.

After being set 160 for victory off 27 overs, veteran off-spinner Pat Symcox scrambled the winning run after Lance Klusener had rescued his side from certain defeat with a gutsy 27 not out off 15 balls.

West Indies, whitewashed 5-0 in the recent Test series, scored 154 for four in the rain-interrupted innings that was reduced to 28 overs. South Africa were then set a revised target and penalized one over after a slow over rate.

Veteran fast bowler Curtly Ambrose bowled his six overs for just 11 runs and with fellow opener Reon King restricted the South Africans to just 36 runs in the first 10 overs.

Nice confirm Mizrahi transfer

NICE (Reuters) – Israel international striker Alon Mizrahi has joined Nice from Maccabi Haifa for $1.5 million, the French second division club confirmed on Friday.

The 27-year-old striker will be joined by Argentine midfielder Pablo Rodriguez whom Nice signed from Argentinos Juniors and French striker Lionel Prat from Le Havre.

Nice, French champions four times in the 1950s and French Cup winners in 1997 when they were relegated, were taken over by Italy's AS Roma last month.

Cunningham hired to coach Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) – Gunther Cunningham, the defensive coordinator behind Kansas City's usually tough defense, was promoted to head coach on Friday.

Cunningham replaces Marty Schottenheimer, who won 101 games in 10 years with the Chiefs but resigned unexpectedly on Jan. 11 following a troubled 7-9 campaign, his first losing season in 15 years as a head coach in the National Football League.

Cunningham has been an NFL assistant for 17 seasons, the past four with the Chiefs.

Boro step in to stop Juninho signing for Villa

MIDDLESBROUGH (Reuters) – Middlesbrough, keen to re-sign their former Brazilian midfielder Juninho, are set to invoke their right to a "first option" on the player to stop him joining rivals Aston Villa.

Villa have opened official talks with Atletico Madrid with manager John Gregory confirming on Friday that a delegation from the Spanish club flew to Birmingham on Thursday to start negotiations over a £10 million deal with Villa chairman Doug Ellis.

But Middlesbrough reacted swiftly on Friday, seeking clarification of their legal rights to re-sign the player if he should become available.

Juninho, who will be 26 next month, played for Boro for two seasons from November 1995 to May 1997 before leaving for Atletico.

As part of the £12.5 million deal that took him to Spain, Middlesbrough retained first option to resign him should he become available again.

England-Scotland fixture won't be revived

GLASGOW (Reuters) – An increase in competitive international fixtures appears to have killed off all hope that the world's oldest soccer fixture, the England-Scotland match, can be revived.

There had been suggestions from both countries that the match, first played in 1872 and then staged on an annual basis until 1989, might be re-instated.

But that hope was ended by David Findlay, assistant director of administration for the Scottish Football Association.

"Everyone recognises that we ended our agreement because of an increasing difficulty of finding an appropriate slot and in general terms the match was being pushed further and further back at the end of the season," he said on Friday.

The two countries have met in 108 official internationals, England winning 44 and Scotland 40.

Their only meeting since 1989 came during the first round of Euro'96 at Wembley when England won 2-0.

British soccer results and standings

FA Cup, fourth round: Aston Villa 0, Fulham 2; Blackburn 1, Sunderland 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Leyton Orient 0; Everton 1, Ipswich 0; Leicester 0, Coventry 3; Newcastle 3, Bradford 0; Portsmouth 1, Leeds 5; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Stockport 0; Swansea 0; Derby 1, Barnsley 3; Bournemouth 1, Wimbledon 1; Tottenham 1, Wrexham 1, Huddersfield 1. Third round replay: Notts County 3, Sheffield United 4 (after extra time).

Scottish Cup, third round: Aberdeen 0, Livingston 1; Ayr 3, Kilmarnock 0; Brechin 1, Albion 1; Celtic 3, Airdrie 1; Falkirk 3, Huntly 0; Greenock Morton 2, Dundee 1; Hibernian 1, Stirling 1; Partick 1, Dunfermline 2; Queen's Park 3, Clachnacuddin 2; Raith 0, Clyde 4; Rangers 2, Stenhousemuir 0; St. Johnstone 1, Forfar 0; St. Mirren 1, Hamilton 1; Stranraer 1, East Stirling 0. Scottish Premier league: No matches

Premier league: No matches

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	22	11	10	1	34	18	43
Aston Villa	22	12	7	3	34	20	43
Manchester United	22	11	8	3	49	26	41
Arsenal	22	10	9	3	23	11	39
Leeds	22	9	9	4	36	20	36
Liverpool	22	10	5	7	43	26	35
Wimbledon	22	9	7	6	29	33	34
West Ham	22	9	5	8	25	31	32
Middlesbrough	22	7	10	5	32	28	31
Derby	22	7	10	5	22	20	31
Tottenham	22	7	8	7	28	30	29
Leicester	22	7	8	7	25	27	29
Sheff. Wed.	22	7	5	10	25	22	26
Newcastle	22	6	7	9	26	31	25
Everton	22	5	9	8	13	24	24
Blackburn	22	5	6	11	21	29	21
Coventry	22	5	5	12	21	31	20
Charlton	22	3	8	11	26	36	17
Southampton	22	4	5	13	20	46	17
Notts. Forest	22	2	7	13	18	41	13

First Division: Watford 0, West Brom 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sunderland	28	17	9	2	59	19	60
Bradford	28	16	5	7	52	30	53
Bolton	27	13	10	4	51	33	49
Birmingham	28	14	7	7	43	26	49
Ipswich	28	14	6	8	37	19	48
Grimsby	28	14	5	9	33	29	47
Watford	29	12	10	7	44	38	46
West Brom	29	13	6	10	52	44	45
Norwich	27	11	9	7	43	37	42
Huddersfield	28	12	6	10	40	45	42
Wolverhampton	28	11	8	9	37	28	41
Sheffield United	28	10	8	10	42	46	38
Barnsley	28	9	10	9	37	35	37
Crystal Palace	28	9	8	11	40	48	35
Swindon	28	9	7	12	39	45	34
Tranmere	28	6	13	9	34	40	31
QPR	28	8	7	13	31	38	31
Stockport	28	6	12	10	33	37	30
Bury	28	7	9	12	26	38	30
Portsmouth	28	7	8	13	35	49	29
Bristol City	28	5	10	13	34	55	25
Oxford United	28	6	7	15	29	51	25
Port Vale	28	7	4	17	29	52	25
Crewe	28	5	6	17	31	58	21

Second Division: Chesterfield 0, Preston 1; Lincoln 1, Northampton 0; Luton 0, Wigan 4; Millwall 1, Burnley 2; Stoke 3, Colchester 3; Walsall 1, Manchester City 1; York 1, Reading 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	26	15	7	4	45	24	52
Fulham	25	16	4	5	37	20	52
Walsall	27	15	6	6	38	30	51
Stoke	26	15	3	8	37	23	48
Gillingham	26	11	11	4	39	22	44
Bournemouth	24	12	6	6	38	24	42
Chesterfield	27	12	6	9	38	23	42
Manchester City	27	10	11	6	32	23	41
Millwall	27	10	9	8	29	29	39
Reading	26	10	8	8	32	36	38
Wigan	26	10	7	9	36	26	37
York	28	9	8	11	37	46	35
Luton	25	9	7	9	33	33	34
Blackpool	27	8	10	9	29	32	34
Burnley	28	8	8	12	33	46	32
Bristol Rovers	25	7	10	8	36	29	31
Colchester	27	6	10	11	28	41	28
Wrexham	26	7	7	12	25	38	28
Oldham	26	7	6	13	27	38	27
Northampton	26	5	10	11	24	31	25
Notts County	25	6	6	13	26	37	24
Lincoln City	26	6	5	15	26	44	23
Wycombe	27	5	8	14	25	35	23
Macclesfield	25	4	9	12	19	31	21

Third Division: Barnet 2, Shrewsbury 2; Brighton 1, Scarborough 0; Cambridge United 2, Chester 1; Exeter 2, Peterborough 0; Halifax 2, Plymouth 0; Hull 4, Hartlepool 0; Rochdale 2, Brentford 0; Southend 0, Carlisle 1; Cardiff 3, Darlington 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	23	16	4	7	40	24	52
Cambridge United	26	14	5	7	43	31	47
Scunthorpe	26	14	3	9	45	39	45
Brentford	25	15	0	10	42	35	45
Mansfield	27	13	5	9	41	37	44
Halifax	27	11	10	6	38	27	43
Rotherham	27	12	6	9	51	38	42
Kidderminster	28	13	3	12	38	38	42
Peterborough	27	12	4	11	44	37	40
Plymouth	26	11	5	10	31	24	38
Leyton Orient	26	9	10	7	33	33	37
Darlington	25	10	6	9	36	31	36
Exeter	27	10	6	11	31	28	36
Rochdale	27	9	9	9	27	30	36
Swansea	24	9	8	7	29	27	35
Chester	27	7	13	7	36	38	34
Southend	28	9	7	12	33	39	34
Barnet	28	9	6	13	37	49	33
Torquay	27	7	11	9	38	35	32
Shrewsbury	28	8	8	12	27	39	32
Carlisle	26	8	7	11	25	29	31
Hartlepool	28	7	6	15	27	51	27
Scarborough	27	7	3	17	27	43	24
Hull	26	6	3	17	26	45	21

Norway clinch tri-nations tourney in historic game at Umm el-Fahm

By ORI LEWIS

Norway and Estonia drew 3-3 on Friday in the first international soccer match to be held in an Israeli Arab town.

The friendly, part of a triangular tournament celebrating the 70th anniversary of the IFA, was billed as a salute to soccer in the Arab sector.

Norway clinched overall victory after beating Israel 1-0 last Wednesday, while the hosts defeated Estonia 7-0 in the opening match on Monday.

The Norwegians led 3-0 then allowed Estonia back into the game in the last 16 minutes.

Stale Solbakken converted Norway's early superiority into goals in the 20th minute when he stabbed the ball in from close range from a corner.

The Norwegians had more chances to score in the first half, most notably when Egil Ostenstad missed a gaping goal in the 26th minute.

Roar Strand beat Estonian goalkeeper Toomas Tohver in the 55th minute and John Carew appeared to have put the match beyond Estonia after 71 minutes with a close range header.

But goalkeeper Frode Grodas gave away a penalty when he fouled Viikor Alonen. Martin Reim converted the spot kick.

The Estonians then hit Norway with two late strikes by substitute Indrek Zelinski in the 80th and 88th minutes.

Norway coach Nils Johan Semb said: "It looked as if we were heading for an easy win, but we gave away a silly goal and then another and the third was clearly offside."

Awards were made to all the top Israeli-Arab players and officials in a halftime ceremony. Among those receiving commemorative plaques were Ali Othman (formerly Hapoel Jerusalem), Zahi Armeli (formerly Maccabi Haifa and Israel), Azmi Nasser (coach of Bnei Sakhnin), Najwan Grayeb (Hapoel Haifa and Israel), Walid Badir (Hapoel Petah Tikva and Israel), Ahmed Mussa (Hapoel Tel Aviv), Shafiq el-Huzail (Maccabi Petah Tikva), Suhil Daud (international referee) and Rifat Turk (Hapoel Tel Aviv and Israel) and Hisham Zuabi (Hapoel Beersheba).

"This is certainly a great honor for our town. The IFA have shown their appreciation by bringing this match to us," said Umm el-Fahm mayor Sheikh Rayed Salah.



Norway's John Carew (right) gets the better of Estonia's Erko Saviank at the friendly international in Umm el-Fahm on Friday. Carew scored his first international goal in the match. (Reuters)

Hap. Jerusalem faces Mac. Haifa in hoops action

By ELI GRONER

Hapoel Jerusalem will face its first of two Haifa opponents this week when it takes on Maccabi in Romemma in league action tonight (Channel 5, 20:15).

On Thursday, Jerusalem is the heavy favorite in its State Cup semifinal matchup against Second Division Hapoel Haifa.

But tonight's game shouldn't be much of a problem either. Jerusalem, which is comfortably ensconced in first place, is coming off one of its most impressive performances of the year – a 28 point whipping of Telindus Antwerp in Saporta Cup action. Although the Jerusalemites have been subpar in a number of relatively easy road games (on paper) earlier this season, the potential of home-court advantage throughout the playoffs should keep Jerusalem focused.

For Haifa, Andrew Kennedy and Meir Tapiro will have to be in top form if it wants a chance at an upset.

In what may be the most compelling game though, Rishon Lezion hosts Galil Elyon in a battle for fourth place. The two teams are currently tied at 8–6 for the critical fourth spot, which provides home-court advantage in the first round of the postseason.

Rishon has been mired in its off-the-court battles between Doron Jamchy and team management, but the shooting guard's absence didn't derail his club in last week's impressive win over Haifa.

As for the northerners, David Blatt's club nearly squandered a 12-point lead in the final 28 seconds last week, before staving off Herzliya 93–91. It will need a more consistent performance in tonight's tough road matchup, but the foreign triumverate of Jamie Arnold, Herman Alston and Theo Cizimic – the best foreign threesome this side of Jerusalem – may be up to the task.

Other games tonight: Hapoel Tel Aviv vs Hapoel Holon, Givat Shmuel vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan vs. Hapoel Eilat, Maccabi Ra'anana vs. Bnei Herzliya.

Orange Basketball League

	W	L	Pts
Hapoel Jerusalem	13	1	27
Maccabi Tel Aviv	10	4	24
Hapoel Holon	10	4	24
Galil Elyon	8	6	22
Rishon Lezion	8	6	22
Hapoel Eilat	7	7	21
Maccabi Ra'anana	7	7	21
Maccabi Haifa	6	8	20
Maccabi Ramat Gan	5	9	19
Bnei Herzliya	5	9	19
Givat Shmuel	3	11	17
Hapoel Tel Aviv	2	12	16

Klinsmann won't back Germany's Cup bid – paper

BONN (Reuters) – Juergen Klinsmann will no longer work as an ambassador for the German Soccer Federation's (DFB) campaign to host the 2006 World Cup, a Munich newspaper reported on Saturday.

The TZ daily reported that Klinsmann was annoyed the DFB had declined to give him a farewell charity match. Former Germany captain Klinsmann appeared 108 times for his country and led the team to their 1996 European championship triumph.

The newspaper said Klinsmann had turned down the DFB's offer of a 10-minute farewell ceremony during a match between Germany and the US in Jacksonville, Florida, on February 6.

"I'm not going," Klinsmann was quoted saying. "I'll watch it on television." Klinsmann was to work with Franz Beckenbauer and former striker Rudi Voeller as international ambassadors to promote Germany's bid to host the 2006 World Cup finals.

Klinsmann was quoted as saying he suspected Beckenbauer, a DFB vice-president and president of Bayern Munich, was behind the DFB's decision earlier this month to deny Klinsmann a farewell match.

"Maybe when I played in Bayern I stepped on Franz' feet too often," Klinsmann said. "Maybe I was the only player he had a problem with."

On Thursday, the president of VfB Stuttgart, Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, offered Klinsmann a farewell match in Stuttgart, where he began his career and played between 1984 and 1989.

English premier league Tottenham Hotspur, with whom Klinsmann had two spells, also offered the striker a farewell charity match at the end of the season.

Klinsmann's last international was Germany's 3-0 defeat by Croatia in the World Cup quarter-finals last July.

Manchester Olympic bid member wants IOC compensation

MANCHESTER (AP) – A member of Manchester's failed effort to land the 2000 Olympics has asked the IOC for compensation in light of the reported corruption surrounding Sydney's winning bid.

Graham Stringer, a member of parliament and a key member of the Manchester bid team, also suggested the IOC should compensate other losing cities.

"They (various bid committees) paid out good money and they should be paid compensation" he said. "The IOC have sat back and done nothing when they were in a position to clean the whole thing up."

The northern English city finished a distant third behind Sydney and Beijing and also failed in a bid for the 1996 Olympics.

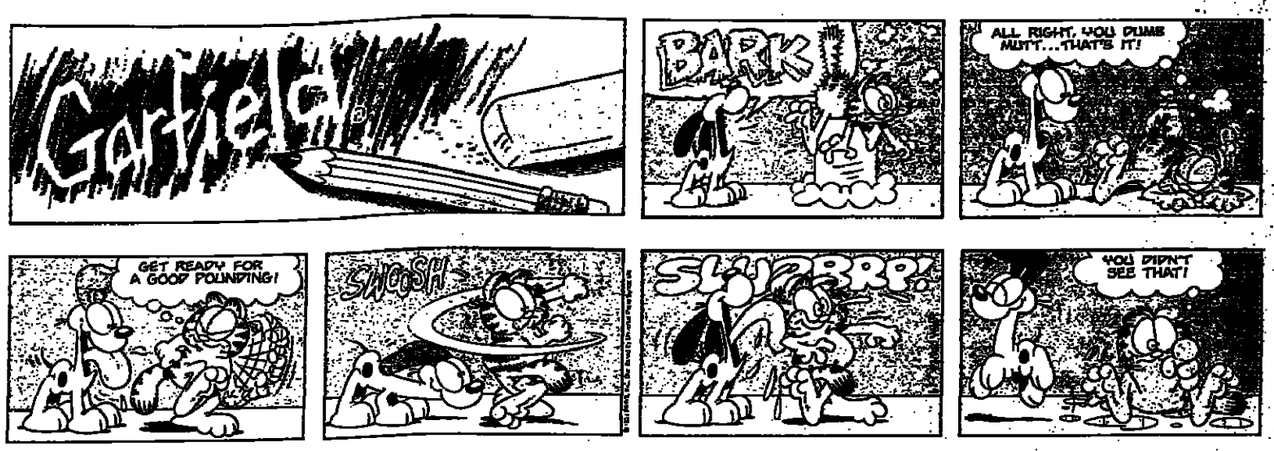
Sydney bid committee members have revealed they made $70,000 inducements for two African votes the night before they won the Summer Games for 2000 – by two votes.

Reports suggest Manchester spent about $12 million on its bid.

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Sunday Comics

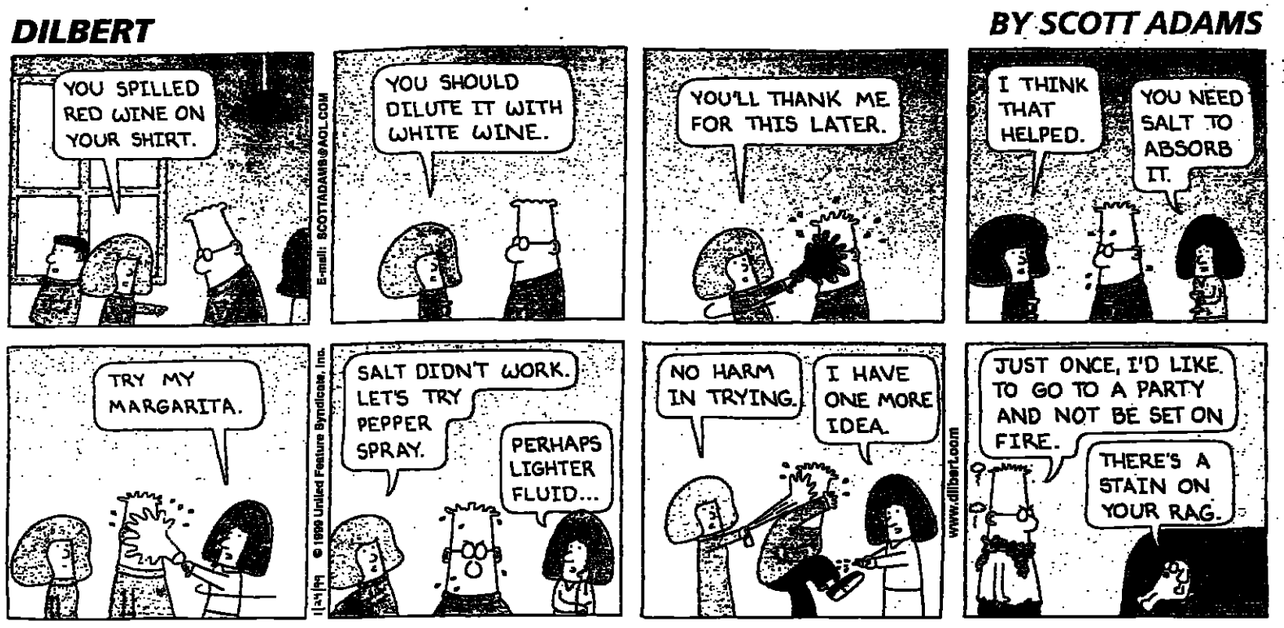
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BY SCOTT ADAMS



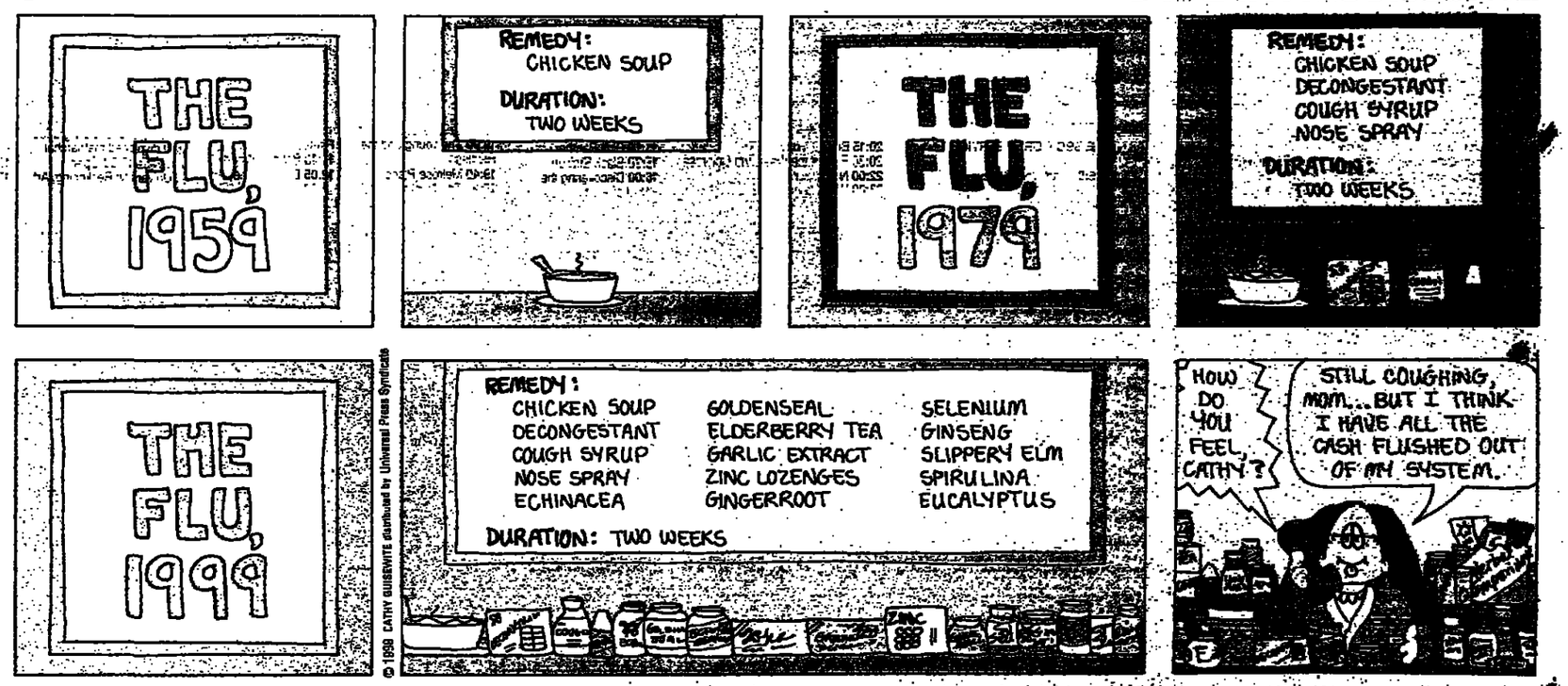
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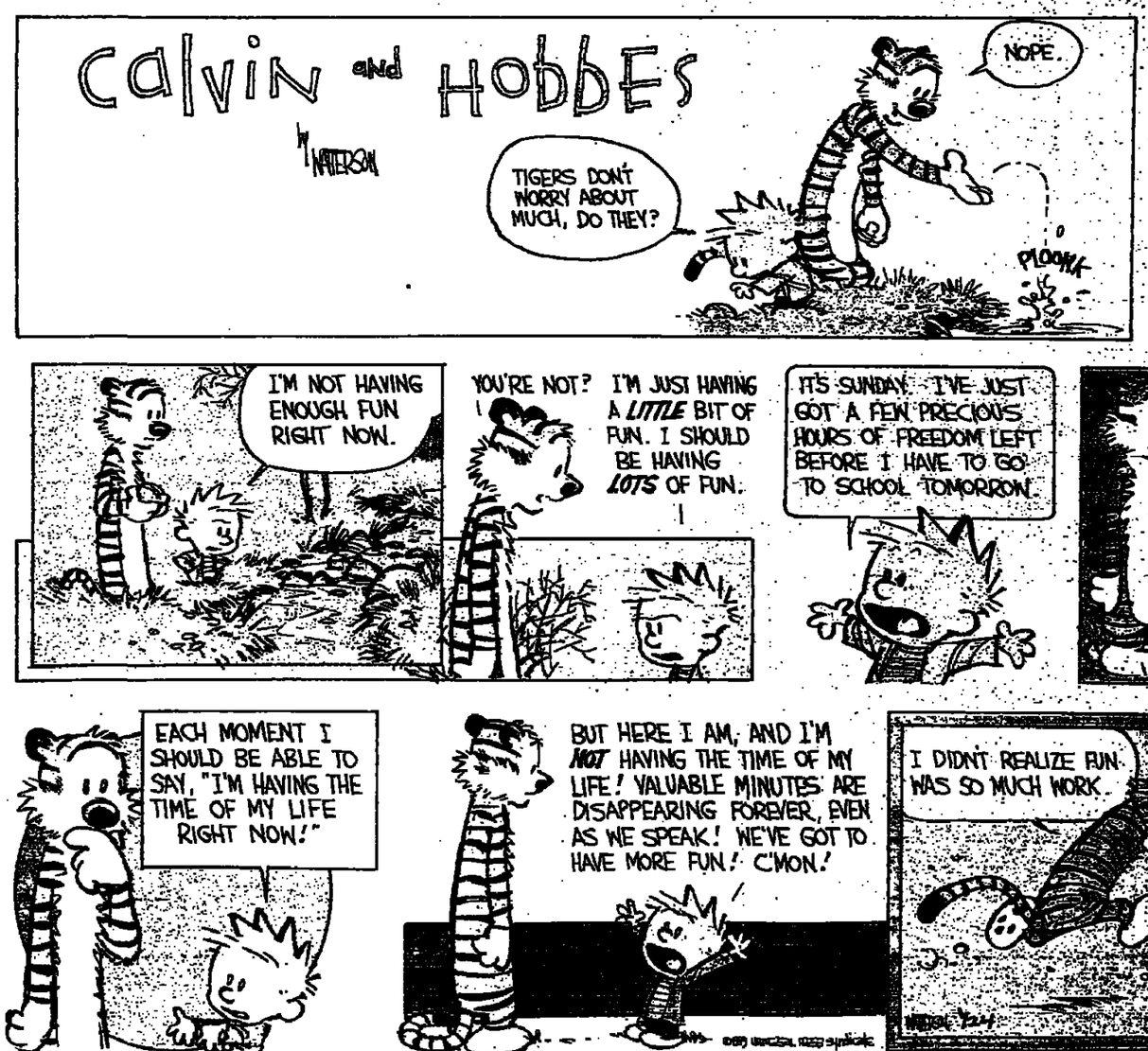
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CRITICS' CHOICE



Masaaki Suzuki's Bach Collegium plays in Rishon Lezion tonight.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★★ THE MIGHTY – Ostensibly a film for children, this is one of the more poignant movies, of any kind, to surface here in a while. The picture is based on a so-called young adult novel called *Freak the Mighty*, by mystery writer Rodman Philbrick, and though it's set entirely in bleak, modern-day Cincinnati, it manages to transport its 13-year-old heroes – or, more correctly, they manage to transport themselves – to the faraway enchanted realm of King Arthur's court. Directed by Peter Chelsom, the movie stars Elden Henson and Kieran Culkin as two unlikely best friends: big, slow-jug Max, and nerdy hunchback Kevin, whose huge vocabulary and wry, tough manner more than compensate for his handicap. With an all-star cast of grown-ups (Sharon Stone, Gena Rowlands, Harry Dean Stanton and others), in supporting roles. (Parental guidance suggested: not recommended for younger children.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Trumpet player Crispian Steele Perkins presents an illustrated lecture about the baroque trumpet repertoire tonight at 8:30 at the Jerusalem Music Center.

Masaaki Suzuki's Bach Collegium Japan concludes its current Israeli tour with a performance of Bach's *St. John Passion* at the new municipal auditorium in Rishon Lezion tonight at 8:30.

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Brahms: Sonata no 1 for Cello and Piano op 38; Copland: The Red Pony
7:07 Beethoven: Piano Sonata no 21 op 53 "Waldstein"; Rossini/Respighi: La Boutique fantasque
8:05 Marcello: Oboe Concerto in C minor; Vivaldi: Violin Concerto no 16; Mozart: String Quartet no 2 K155
9:05 Bach: Orchestra Suite no 1; Boismortier: Sonata in D for Flute and Harpsichord; Mozart: Piano Quartet in G minor K478; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto no 2 in D minor op 40; Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet fantasy overture; Puccini: 3 arias from Gianni Schicchi, La bohème and Madama Butterfly; Bruch: Romance for Viola and Orchestra op 85; Glazunov: The Seasons op 67
12:00 Light Classical – from Russia with love
13:00 Artist of the Week – The Kronos Quartet. Ali-Zade: Mugam Sayagi; Gubaidulina: Quartet no 4; Canchelli: Vespers
14:06 Encore – Björling sings arias, sacred music and Swedish folk songs
16:00 Music for Sunday – Kuhnau: Cantata; Monteverdi: Vespro della Beata Vergine
18:00 New CDs – Bach: Suite no 6 for Solo Cello; Mozart: Violin Concerto no 5 K219
20:05 Cherubini: Concert overture; Saint-Saens: Piano Concerto no 1 op 17; Debussy: Iberia; Villa-Lobos: String Quartet no 6; Bartok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste; Prokofiev: Piano Sonata no 2 op 14 (Richter); Elgar: Enigma Variations op 36
23:00 Sounds to End the Day

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWEST local news
6:00 Morning Drive with David Starck (until 9:00)
7:45 Sports Update
8:08 Lions Trust Financial Update
9:00 Morning Brunch with Mordechai Shenker
12:00 Stayin' Alive with Leora Adam
13:00 Memory Lane with Rebecca E.
14:00 M & M's Pick 'n' Mix
16:00 Afternoon Drive with Mike Reinis (till 18:30)
17:45 Sports Update
18:30 Newsmakers with Mordechai Twersky
19:00 Evening Jazz with Deb Arnold
21:00 Soul Talk – rabbinical personalities discuss relevant topics
22:00 West Rock with Michel Cohen
1:00 Late Night Music with The Ice Man
3:00 Late Night with Mack

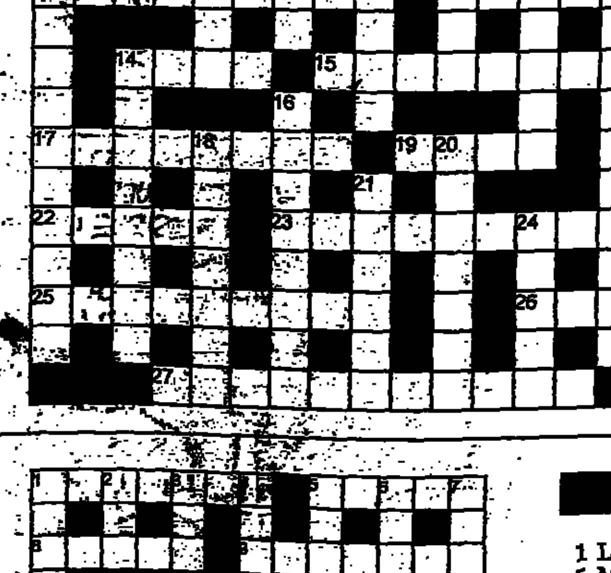
■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 The World Today
6:30 Omnibus
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Women Who Dared to Speak
8:00 The World Today
8:30 In Praise of God
9:00 World News
9:15 Letter From America
9:30 Agenda
10:00 World News
10:05 The Greenfield Collection
10:35 From Our Own Correspondent
11:00 World News
11:05 Waveguide
11:20 Composer of the Month
11:50 Sports Roundup
17:15 Concert Hall
18:00 World News
18:15 Science Feedback
18:30 My Century
19:00 Newsdesk
19:30 Short Story
19:45 Sports Roundup
20:00 World News
20:15 Britain Today
20:30 Play of the Week: Via Dolorosa
22:00 Newshour
23:00 World News
23:05 Waveguide
23:20 Britain Today
23:30 Global Business
00:00 World News

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 No thanks! (11)
10 Pale, without a friend, took cover (3)
11 Mischievous type starts a law suit under great pressure (9)
12 Pink vehicle used to race (9)
13 Type of column made of some solid or icy material (5)
14 Leave quietly – good gracious! (4)
15 Assiduous boss had debts (8)
17 Makes up a number (8)
19 Mother had an afterthought about the plans (4)
22 Some of Arthur's trunks are made of wood (5)
23 Wild animals might make less noise (9)
25 Tense and below par (9)
26 Disgrace of a fool (3)
27 Saying sorry for spoiling a go (11)

DOWN
2 The lowest point of a messy drain (5)
3 Agent scoffs, but goes over it again (7)
4 Rita managed to take four things which were not at all important (6)
5 Hair pieces can cause the greatest problems (8)
6 Determined policemen went into action (7)
7 Way to get rid of the professor of physics, perhaps? (8,5)
8 Visitor left, throwing out caustic criticisms (8)
9 Easily excel at removing blemishes (5,5,3)
14 Lets stick fall to get sweets (8)
16 Just fancy spring water (4,4)
18 Rocky place for hardy plants perhaps (7)
20 Perpetually young animal carries oriental member back (7)
21 Susan's surname often has a novel appearance? (6)
24 You're not the first to get a wooden one! (5)



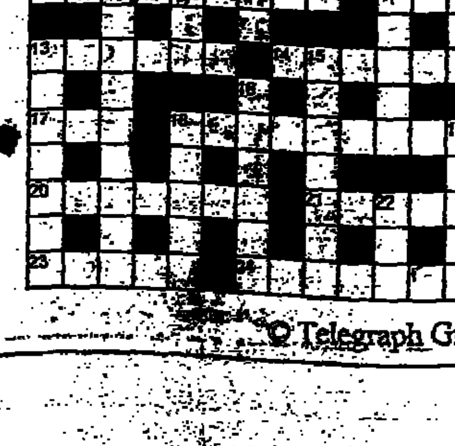
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Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Shedding, 7 Tiers, 8 Seductive, 9 Aye, 10 Leek, 11 Dermal, 13 Vision, 14 Static, 17 Suffer, 18 Tees, 20 Cow, 22 Retaliate, 23 Epsom, 24 Neophyte. DOWN: 1 Sisal, 2 Endless, 3 Dice, 4 Nailed, 5 Nepal, 6 Ascetic, 7 Termite, 12 Confirm, 13 Voucher, 15 Therapy, 16 Seethe, 17 Swiss, 19 Stele, 21 Slip.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Large wave (7)
5 Mull over (5)
8 Beneath (5)
9 Water bird (7)
10 Finding (9)
12 Useful insect (3)
13 Girl's name (6)
14 Beasts (6)
17 Unit of energy (3)
18 In question (9)
20 Form of public transport (7)
21 Lift (5)
23 Yellow pigment (5)
24 Hang (7)

DOWN
1 Leap (5)
2 Object (3)
3 Pakistani port (7)
4 Stay (6)
5 In error (5)
6 Lived in (9)
7 Holds back (7)
11 This newspaper (9)
13 Expert (7)
15 Registers (7)
16 Loves (6)
18 Relative (5)
19 Fear (5)
22 Anger (3)

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TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

ARABIC PROGRAMS
6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Days of Waiting
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Cinema Europe
10:00 For the very young
11:00 English
13:00 French
13:40 Hanni's Room
15:00 Sesame Street
15:25 Hanni's Room

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Heartbreak High
16:15 Eli and Lily
16:30 Garden Party
16:59 A New Evening
17:35 Just Love
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Amal and Kamal's Studio
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 It's Only Sport
20:00 News Headlines
20:10 With Meni
21:00 News
21:30 End of the Orange Season: End of the World – last part of the series looks at Israeli rock in the 1990s
22:30 Mosley – rise and fall of the leader of the British Union of Fascists in the '30s – last part
23:30 News
00:00 5 on 50

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Fantastic Four
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Cafe Tel-Ad
9:00 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
11:00 Maybe This Time
11:30 Lilach
12:30 Harry & the Hendersons
13:00 Sport TV
13:30 Ghost Writer
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 Tick Tack
15:00 Back to the Future
15:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
16:00 The Bold and Beautiful
16:50 Street Corner
17:00 Five with Sukenik
17:30 Sister Sister
18:00 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
19:00 Zoom
19:25 Lingo
20:00 News
20:30 Hartzufim
21:00 Starting the Week with Amnon Levy
22:35 Florentine
23:20 Homicide
00:00 News
00:05 Homicide
00:25 King of the Hill
00:55 Outer Limits
1:40 Earth 2
2:30 Song for the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31)
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Pink Panther
15:30 Black Stallion
16:00 Discovering the World of Animals
16:30 Vid Kids
17:00 US Chart Show
18:00 Big Secret
19:00 French Journal
19:15 Varied
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Candid Camera and Pranks
20:00 Africa
20:30 Renegade
21:15 Farming and Ecology
21:30 Behind the Scenes
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries
00:00 Dougie Howser

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)
(unconfirmed)

7:30 Religion
12:30 John Osteen
13:00 In Touch
14:00 700 Club
14:30 World Christian News
15:00 Blake & Mortimer
15:30 The Bionic Six
15:55 Woody Woodpecker
16:20 Redbeard
16:45 McGee & Me
17:15 Adventures in Odyssey
17:45 Live English League Soccer
20:15 American Football – NFL Classics
21:15 Live Italian League Soccer – Napoli vs Fiorentina

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:30 The Brave Children
17:00 Weekly Column
19:00 News in Arabic
19:30 News in Russian
20:00 For Women Only
20:30 Telelessel
21:00 News
21:30 Crossfire
22:30 Crime Traveller
23:30 Supernatural – Mystical

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Mathematics
16:00 Reading Direction
16:30 Life Stories
17:00 Color Garden
17:30 Massarat
18:00 English
18:30 Dealing with Dogs
19:00 Wonderful World of Molecules
19:30 Vis-a-vis
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 Media File
20:55 Little Big Country
21:00 A Kind of Loving (1962) – British drama about a couple forced into marriage when the woman becomes pregnant. With Alan Bates, June Ritchie and Thora Hird
22:45 Styles (rpt)

■ CHANNEL 3

6:30 Love Story with Yossi Siyas (rpt)
7:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno (rpt)
7:45 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
8:10 Celeste
9:00 Falcon Crest
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Forever Little Women
12:00 Barnaby Jones
12:45 Dallas
13:30 Newsradio
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Ricki Lake
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Forever Little Women
16:45 Days of Our Lives
17:30 Frasier
18:00 Good Evening with Guy Pines
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Place
20:25 The Nanny
20:50 Trivia King (rpt)
21:10 Aaron Cohen's Debt (Hebrew, 1999) – Hebrew drama starring Moshe Ivgi as a man arrested for petty debt. With Arye Moskuna and Yusuf Abu-Warda
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
23:50 Good Evening with Guy Pines (rpt)
00:15 ER
1:05 Prey
1:55 North of 60

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Too Young the Hero (1988) – true story of a 12-year-old boy who succeeded in joining the Navy during World War II and received a Purple Heart for his bravery in the battle of Guadalcanal. Soon after his world collapsed when he was mistakenly reported as a deserter.
13:15 Two Tickets to Broadway (1951) – musical comedy about young showbiz hopefuls trying to get on a TV show. With Janet Leigh, Tony Martin and Bob Crosby
15:00 Birch Street Gym (1993) – short about elderly men who work out at a gym in danger of being closed
15:30 Ladies' Hairdresser (Hebrew, 1984) – a married father of seven is tempted to steal from his employers and hides from the police by impersonating his gay hairdresser twin. With Ze'ev Revah
17:10 Como Dos Extanos (Spanish, 1997) – telenovella style drama about a man who decides to leave his wife and start life afresh. Things get complicated when he becomes seriously ill and is forced to return home
18:40 Class Reunion (1996) – documentary about 15 people who get together for a weekend 10 years after graduating from high school
20:15 The Devil's Game (1996) – Australian thriller about an undercover policewoman who tries to clear her sister of drug-smuggling charges. With Guy Pierce and Jacqueline McKenzie
22:00 Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics (1994) – two episodes from the classic mystery show. With James Earl Jones, Amy Irving, Gary Cole and Patrick Bergin
23:35 Silent Victim (1992) – a man sues his wife after she loses his baby she was carrying when she tried to commit suicide. With Michele Greene and Kyle Secor
1:30 Bar 51 (Hebrew, 1986) – Amos Gutman's melodramatic tale of a brother and sister who come to the big city of Tel Aviv. With Juliano Mor and Smadar Kalchinsky
3:00 Power 98 (1995, 85 mins.) – a young DJ on a controversial radio show finds himself involved in a deadly ratings battle

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Whimsy's House
8:30 The Lulu Show
9:05 Les Miserables
9:30 The Smurfs
10:05 Ninja Turtles
10:30 Following Enchanted Tales
11:00 Peter Pan and the Pirates
11:40 Bobby's World
12:05 Dark Journey
12:30 Snorks
13:00 Nils Holgersen
13:30 Simba, the Lion King
14:00 The World's Most Beautiful Tales
14:15 Little Star
14:35 Franklin
15:15 The Smurfs
15:55 Ninja Turtles
16:00 Superman
16:25 Peter Pan and the Pirates
17:05 Ace Ventura, Pet Detective
17:30 Shesh-Tus
18:10 Nightman
19:05 Moesha
19:31 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 Full House
20:45 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
21:10 Lois and Clark

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Taxi (Spanish, 1996) – tale of a young girl who starts driving her father's taxi after failing her matriculation exam. Directed by Carlos Saura. With Carlos Fuentes and Anjela de Andre Lopez
23:55 Jack Lemmon (1995, 56 mins.) – portrait of the actor whose career spans over 40 years and 53 films

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University: American Cinema; Sex Games; Sales Connection
8:00 World Discoveries
8:30 Great Crimes and Trials (rpt)
9:00 Beyond 2000
9:25 A New World, Saving the Planet (rpt)
9:50 Hansel and Gretel – opera by Humperdinck, performed with the Vienna Philharmonic and its boys' choir, conducted by Georg Solti
11:45 Lionel Hampton: King David Suite
12:20 Game Park, part 2
13:15 Nuclear Trail (rpt)
14:10 Killing for a Living
15:00 Six Explorers: Season of the Salmon (rpt)
16:00 Women and Spirituality: Goddess Remembered – how the emergence of a repressive patriarchal society gradually displaced matriarchal deities
17:00 Open University: Reckoning; Art of the Western World
19:00 Game Park, part 3 – about running game reserves in Africa
20:00 Dogs
21:00 Natural Comparisons, part 1 – innovative three-part series demonstrating evolution by comparing animals.
21:50 Natural History of an Alien – scientists speculate on alien life forms
22:40 Game Park (see 19:00)
23:40 Open University: Principles of Accounting; Aquanauts' Guide to Oceans; Interactions in Science
1:35 Game Park (rpt)
2:25 Dogs (rpt)

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Mind Your Language
7:00 Xena
8:00 Hercules
9:00 LA Heat
10:00 Walker, Texas Ranger
11:00 Tropical Heat
12:00 WWF Superstars
13:00 The Simpsons
13:30 Travel Asia
14:00 Asia News Sunday
14:30 Third Rock From the Sun
15:00 Millennium
16:00 The X-Files
17:00 Cops
17:30 Code 3
18:00 Asia News Sunday
18:30 Third Rock From the Sun
19:00 Millennium
20:00 The X-Files
21:00 Tropical Heat
22:00 Baywatch Nights
23:00 Cops
23:30 Code 3
00:00 Aerobics Oz Style
00:30 World News
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Candid Camera
2:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
2:30 The Brittas Empire

■ NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC (17/19)

6:30 Cairo Unveiled (rpt)
7:00 CNBC
13:00 Wolves of the Sea
14:00 Diamonds (rpt)
15:00 The Power of Water – man's use of nature
16:00 Mountains of Fire
17:00 Hounds: Nose to Tail
18:00 Endangered: Hope for the Tropics (rpt)
19:00 Life on the Line (rpt)
19:30 Cairo Unveiled (rpt)
20:00 Eagles: Shadows on the Wing
21:00 Lord of the Eagles – the relationship between man and the eagle
21:30 The Waterdancers – the western grebe
22:00 Vanishing Birds of the Amazon
23:00 Endangered: Great Lakes, Fragile Seas – abuse of America's fresh-water lakes
00:00 A Lizard's Summer
00:30 Seven Secret Worlds: the Ghosts of Madagascar – lemurs
1:00 Explorer: Ep 31 – on man and nature
2:00 Eagles: Shadows on the Wing (rpt)

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 This Week
7:30 India Business Report
8:30 The Big Catch: Beluga
9:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
10:30 This Week (rpt)
11:05 In the Blood: Lost Tribes (rpt)
12:30 1999 International Boat Show (rpt)
13:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
14:05 The People's Century: 1919, Lost Peace
15:10 Dateline London
16:30 Top Gear Waterworld
17:05 Horizon: A Perfect Oil Spill (rpt)
18:30 Hardtalk (rpt)
19:30 1999 International Boat Show (rpt)
20:05 In the Blood (rpt)
21:30 Simpson's World (rpt)
22:05 The People's Century
23:30 Earth Report; Brave New World (rpt)
00:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
01:30 Reporters (rpt)
2:30 Top Gear (rpt)

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:30 Evans, Novak, Hunt and Shields
7:30 Global View
8:00 World Business This Week
9:30 World Sport
10:30 World Beat
11:30 The Artclub (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 Earth Matters
14:30 Science and Technology
15:00 World Report
16:30 Inside Europe
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Showbiz This Weekend
19:00 Late Edition
20:30 Business Unusual
21:00 Inside Europe
22:30 Pinnacle Europe
23:30 Best of Insight
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Style
2:00 The World Today
2:30 World Beat

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 Global Village
7:30 Showbiz Weekly
8:00 Sunrise
11:30 Business Week
12:00 Sunday with Adam Boulton
13:30 The Book Show
15:30 Fashion TV
16:30 Showbiz Weekly
17:30 Week in Review
18:30 Sunday with Adam Boulton
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportsline
22:30 The Book Show
23:30 Showbiz Weekly
00:00 Prime Time
1:30 Week in Review
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:30 Bodies in Motion
13:45 Live English League Soccer – Manchester United vs Liverpool
16:00 English Cup Soccer
17:45 Live Spanish League Soccer – Athletico Madrid vs Celta Vigo
20:15 Five in the Air – Galil Elyon vs Maccabi Rishon
22:40 English Cup Soccer – Arsenal vs Wolves

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Luge
10:00 Alpine Skiing
11:00 Live Biathlon
12:30 Alpine Skiing
13:00 Alpine Skiing
13:30 Live Alpine Skiing
14:15 Alpine Jumping
14:30 Live Alpine Skiing
15:15 Live Bobsleigh
16:15 Biathlon
17:15 Live Bobsleigh
18:00 Tennis
21:30 Car On Ice
22:00 Athletics
23:00 Ski Jumping
00:00 News
00:15 Tennis
1:00 Bobsleigh
1:30 Tennis
2:00 Rally

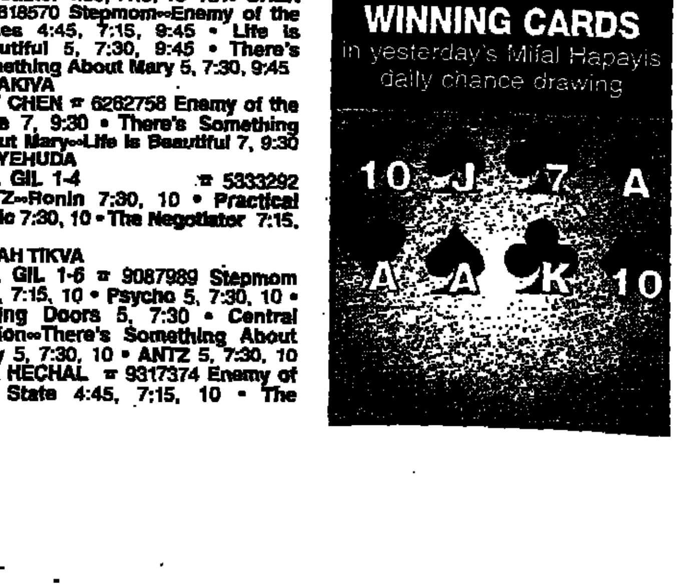
PRIME TIME TV

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19:30	It's Only Sport	Lingo	Melrose Place		Family Matters	
20:00	News With Meni	News		The Devil's Game	Married with Children	Dogs
20:30		Hartzufim	The Nanny		Full House; Fresh Prince of Bel Air	
21:00	News	Starting the Week with Amnon Levy	Trivia King; Aaron Cohen's Debt			Natural Comparisons
21:30	End of the Orange Season				Lois and Clark	
22:00				Twilight Zone	Taxi	Natural History of an Alien
22:30	Mosley	Florentine	Seinfeld			Game Park
23:00			The Tonight Show with Jay Leno			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE I Went Down 5 • Day After Day 7 • The Apple 9 • Therese 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Psycho∞Central Station∞Practical Magic 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Truman Show 4:45, 7:15 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 4:15, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator∞Ronin 4:30, 7:15, 10 **JERUSALEM THEATER** Washington Square 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 7 • Central Station 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Step Mom 4:15, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞Life is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 **MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL** ☎ 5700868 ANTZ 4:45, 7:15 • Sliding Doors 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Happiness 7, 9:45
TEL AVIV
DIZENGOFF Central Station 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Sliding Doors 11 a.m., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Washington Square 11 a.m., 1, 3:15 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 5:30, 7:45, 10 **GAT** ☎ 6967888 Step Mom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 **GLOBUS** ☎6081130/1 Psycho∞Ronin 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ∞The Truman Show 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • Big Lebowski 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30, 10 • Paulie 7:30, 10 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Ronin 4:30, 7 • The Big Lebowski 5, 7:30; • The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 Happiness 1, 4, 7, 10 • Girls' Night 12 noon, 2:15, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • The Dream Life of Angels 12 noon, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Hana-Bi 9:45 • Welcome to the Doll House 5:15 • Polish Bride 12:30 p.m., 2:45, 7:15 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 Girls Night∞Hana-Bi 7:30, 10 • The Dream Life of Angels 7:30, 10 • Nights of Cabiria 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 10 • A Price Above Rubies 7:30 **LIMOR** ☎6968084 Shall We Dance 6, 9:45 • In the Realm of the Senses 8 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 **G.G. PE'ER** ☎5442141 Psycho∞The Truman Show 5, 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV-CHEN** ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Rounders∞Holy Man 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Studio 54∞Snake Eyes 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ever After 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OR 1-5** ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Mighty∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful∞Next Stop Wonderland 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Tango 5, 7:30, 9:45 **TEL AVIV MUSEUM** Gabbeh 5, 8, 10
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎8325755 Sliding Doors 7:15, 9:30 • Practical Magic 7:15, 9:30 **CINEMATHEQUE** ☎8383424 Everyone Says I Love You 4:30 • Dance Europa 7 • Hanging Garden 9:30 **MORIAH** ☎ 8242477 Girls' Night 7:30, 9:30 **ORI** ☎8500056 Psycho 7:15, 10 • Ronin 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Practical Magic 4:45, 7:15 • The Truman Show∞ANTZ 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Sliding Doors 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 4:45 **PANORAMA** ☎8382020 Central Station 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 • Character *(Dutch, Hebrew subtitles)* 4:30, 7, 9:30 • ANTZ 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 **RAV-CHEN** ☎8500055 Stepmom 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Holy Man∞There's Something About Mary 4:45, 7:15, 9:30 • Halloween: H20 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • **RAV-GAT 1-2** ☎ 8674311 Rounders 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 **RAV-MOR 1-7** ☎ 8416898 Stepmom 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Rounders 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Studio 54 5, 7:15, 9:30 • Life Is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Holy Man 4:30, 7, 9:30 • The Mighty 5, 7:15 **RAV-OR 1-3** ☎ 8246553 Life Is Beautiful 4:45, 7, 9:30 • Ever After 4:45, 7, 9:30 • The Mighty 5, 7:15, 9:30
AFULA
RAV CHEN Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • Life Is Beautiful 7:15, 9:30
ARAD
STAR ☎9950904 Rounders 5, 7:30, 10 • Stepmom 5, 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 5, 7:30, 10
ASHDOD
G.G. GIL ☎ 8647202 Practical Magic 5, 7:30 • Ronin∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Jewish Revenge 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎8661120 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Holy Man 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45
ASHKELON
G.G. GIL ☎ 6729977 Practical Magic∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎6711221 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary ∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45
BAT YAM
RAV CHEN ☎5531077 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Ronin 5, 7:15, 9:45 • The Mighty 5, 7:30, 9:45
BEERSHEBA
G.G. ORI ☎6103111 Psycho∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 **RAV-NEGEV 1-4** ☎6235278 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
EILAT
EILAT CINEMA Stepmom 7:30, 10 • Rounders 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 7:30, 10 **GIL** ☎6340182 Psycho∞ Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10
HADERA
LEV ☎6343555 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞ Sliding Doors 7:30, 10
HERZLIYA
COLONY ☎6902666 Stepmom 5:30, 7:45, 10 • Life Is Beautiful 5:30, 7:30, 10 **DANIEL** ☎ 9544044 Happiness 7, 9:45 **STAR** ☎ 9589068 Enemy of the State 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10 • Ronin 7:15, 10
HOD HASHARON
GIL ☎ 7408591 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5 • Ronin 7:30, 10
HOLON
GLOBUS Stepmom 4:15, 7:15, 10 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Psycho 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5 • There's Something About Mary∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 **STAR** Stepmom∞Henry Fool 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞ Practical Magic 7:30, 10
KARMIEL
CINEMA ☎9882521 Stepmom 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary 7 • Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 9:30
KFAR SAVA
G.G. GIL ☎7677370 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Central Station 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 10
KIRYAT BIALIK
G.G. GIL ☎8779877 ANTZ∞Ronin 7, 9:30 • Psycho∞Practical Magic 7, 9:30 • The Truman Show∞The Negotiator 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary Fri. 7, 9:30, 12 midnight; 7, 9:30 • A Perfect Murder∞The Big Lebowski∞Sliding Doors 7, 9:30
KIRYAT SHMONA
G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:30, 7, 9:30 • ANTZ 4:30, 7, 9:30
NAHARIYA
G.G. GIL Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7, 10 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Twilight 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5
UPPER NAZARETH
G.G GIL ☎6561332 Jewish Revenge∞ Practical Magic 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Ronin∞There's Something About Mary∞ANTZ 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:15, 7, 10
NESS ZIONA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 9404729 Psycho 7:30, 10 • There's Something About Mary 4:30, 7:30, 10 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • The Truman Show 5, 7:30 • Small Soldiers 5
NETANYA
G.G. GIL 1-5 ☎ 8628452 Psycho∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • Washington Square∞ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 8618570 Stepmom∞Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
OR AKIVA
RAV CHEN ☎ 6262758 Enemy of the State 7, 9:30 • There's Something About Mary∞Life Is Beautiful 7, 9:30
OR YEHUDA
G.G. GIL 1-4 ☎ 5333292 ANTZ∞Ronin 7:30, 10 • Practical Magic 7:30, 10 • The Negotiator 7:15, 10
PETAH TIKVA
G.G. GIL 1-6 ☎ 9087989 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Psycho 5, 7:30, 10 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30 • Central Station∞There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 10 • ANTZ 5, 7:30, 10 **G.G. HECHAL** ☎ 9317374 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 10 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10; • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10
RA'ANANA
PARK ☎ 7711321 Stepmom 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Ronin 5, 7:30, 10:15 • There's Something About Mary∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Happiness 7:15, 10 **RA'ANAN** The Negotiator∞Washington Square 5, 7:30, 10:15 • ANTZ∞Enemy of the State 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Truman Show 7:30, 10:15 • Practical Magic 5, 7:30, 10:15 • Ever After 5
RAMAT GAN
RAV-GAN 1-4 ☎ 6197121 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RAV-OASIS 1-3** ☎ 6730697 Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Ronin 5, 7:15, 9:45 • Rounders 5, 7:15, 9:45
RAMAT HASHARON
KOKHAV ☎ 5491979 Washington Square 5, 7:15, 9:30
REHOVOT
CHEN ☎ 9362868 Girls Night 7:15, 9:45 • Carla's Song 7:15, 9:30 • Sliding Doors 7:30, 9:45 • Sliding Doors 7:30, 9:45 **RAV MOR** ☎ 9493595 Stepmom 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Practical Magic∞Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Rounders 9:45 • ANTZ 5, 7:30 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45
RISHON LEZION
GIL 1-3 ☎ 9500785 The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 • ANTZ∞Sliding Doors 5, 7:30, 10 **HAZAHAV** ☎ 9514968 ANTZ∞Ronin 5, 7:30, 10 • Psycho 7:30, 10 • Enemy of the State F4:45, 7:15, 10 • Small Soldiers 5 • The Negotiator 4:30, 7:15, 10 **RAV CHEN** ☎ 9670504 Stepmom∞Enemy of the States 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 **RISHON LEZION** Khamoshi *(Indian)* 8:30 **STAR** ☎ 9619985 Stepmom∞Henry Fool 7:15, 10 • There's Something About Mary∞Practical Magic 7:30, 10
YEHUD
RAV CHEN ☎5367910 Stepmom∞Enemy of the State 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 • Life Is Beautiful 5, 7:30, 9:45 • There's Something About Mary 5, 7:30, 9:45

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Lowly Fulham dump Aston Villa from FA Cup

By OSSIAN SHINE

LONDON (Reuters) – Second Division Fulham pulled off a major FA Cup shock yesterday when they sent premier league Aston Villa spinning out of the fourth round with a 2-0 win at Villa Park.

An eighth minute Simon Morgan header, a deflected Steve Hayward shot and some stubborn defending were enough to see the club owned by Harrods tycoon Mohamed Al Fayed and managed by Kevin Keegan into the fifth round for the first time in 24 years.

"That was one of the best days in my football life," smiled Morgan after the match. "We didn't get deflected from what we came here to do and thoroughly deserved this win."

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Fellow goalscorer Hayward added: "They were lucky we didn't win by more goals – when I scored the second we were totally in control"

Fulham knocked out premier league Southampton in the last round and striker Paul Peschisolido said: "Now we want another premier league club so we can carry on giant-killing."

Elsewhere in the Cup, Leeds smashed Portsmouth 5-1 away to book their fifth round berth while Newcastle buried Bradford 3-0 and Blackburn edged Sunderland 1-0 at home.

Luke Nightingale put Portsmouth ahead against Leeds after 10 minutes but the Division One side could not hold on to the advantage and David O'Leary's premier league side levelled through defender David Weatherall two minutes later from a set-piece.

Leeds punished Portsmouth for having the cheek to take the lead when Ian Harte spanked in a second goal two minutes later. The premier league side then began to flex their muscles in the second half and Harry Kewell knocked in their third goal after some good work by Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink down the wing. Portuguese midfielder Bruno Ribeiro scored Leeds' fourth goal with a deflected shot that left Alan Knight stranded before Clyde Wijnhard made it five.

"We had an under-strength young side out there today," O'Leary said afterwards. "Really it was the babies looking after the babies so I am especially pleased with the result."

It took a late goal from Derby's Kevin Harper to see off third division Swansea 1-0. The Welsh side had beaten West Ham in the last round but this match proved one hurdle too many.

"There's no shame in losing 1-0 to a top-flight side," Swansea boss John Hollins said afterwards.

"We restricted them to one or two chances and I am very proud of the lads."

Wimbledon and Tottenham drew 1-1 in an all-premier league clash while Leicester went down 3-0 at home to Coventry after goals by Noel Whelan, Paul Telfer and Steve Froggatt.

Newcastle United scored through Dietmar Hamann, Alan Shearer and Temuri Ketsbaia to beat Bradford City 3-0 at home and Sheffield Wednesday saw off Stockport 2-0.

Everton scraped a 1-0 victory over first division Ipswich while it took a 67th minute Keith Gillespie goal for Blackburn to bury a brave Sunderland at Ewood Park.

Blackburn boss Brian Kidd said afterwards: "They played well, showed a lot of class and I feel for them. They are a good side and I hope they get promoted this year."

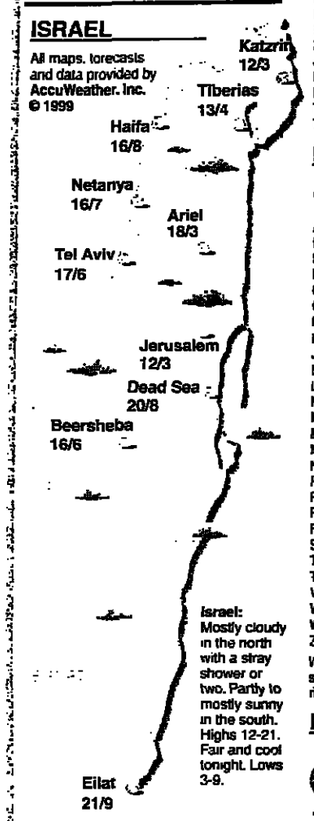


A HAPPY MAN – Fulham goal scorer Simon Morgan raises his arms in delight after the final whistle which confirmed Fulham had beaten Aston Villa in their FA Cup fourth round tie at Villa Park yesterday. (Reuters)

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Beersheba	16/61	6/43/s	18/64	6/43/s
Dead Sea	20/68	8/46/s	22/71	8/46/s
Eilat	21/70	9/48/s	23/73	9/48/s
Haifa	16/61	8/46/pc	19/64	8/46/s
Jerusalem	12/53	3/37/pc	13/55	2/35/s
Katzrin	12/53	3/37/sh	13/55	2/35/pc
Netanya	16/61	7/44/pc	17/62	8/46/s
Tel Aviv	17/62	6/43/pc	18/64	7/44/s
Tiberias	13/55	4/39/sh	14/57	3/37/pc

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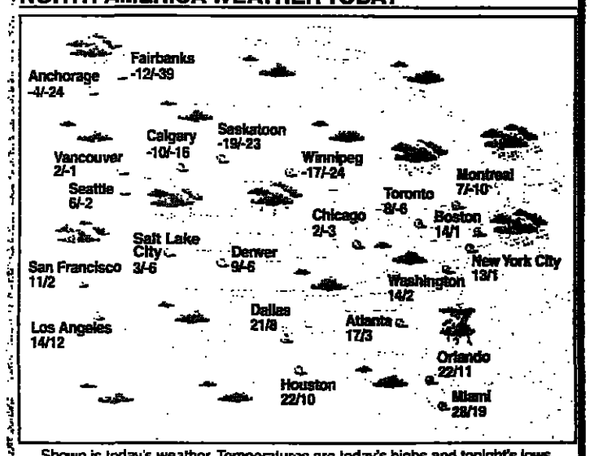
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Berlin	6/43	4/39/sh	8/46	4/39/r
Brussels	9/48	8/46/sh	10/50	3/37/r
Cairo	18/64	9/48/pc	18/64	9/48/pc
Chicago	2/35	-3/27/c	2/35	-6/22/pc
Frankfurt	4/39	2/35/sh	7/44	3/37/r
Hong Kong	25/77	19/66/pc	23/73	18/64/pc
Johannesburg	27/80	18/64/sh	28/82	16/61/pc
London	10/50	7/44/pc	9/48	1/34/r
Los Angeles	14/57	12/53/r	15/61	6/43/r
Madrid	12/53	1/34/pc	13/55	2/35/pc
Mexico City	22/71	2/35/s	21/70	7/44/sh
Montreal	7/44	-10/15/sn	-6/22	-17/2/s
Moscow	-3/27	-5/24/sn	-4/25	-8/22/sn
New York	13/55	1/34/r	7/44	-2/28/pc
Paris	7/44	6/43/sh	9/48	3/37/c
Prague	5/41	1/34/pc	6/43	2/35/sh
Rio de Janeiro	27/80	23/73/r	28/82	23/73/sh
Rome	13/55	3/37/s	14/57	6/43/s
Sydney	24/75	19/66/pc	24/75	18/64/pc
Tokyo	10/50	9/48/sh	15/59	13/55/r
Toronto	8/46	-6/22/c	-1/31	-11/12/pc
Vienna	7/44	2/35/pc	9/48	4/39/sh
Warsaw	5/41	1/34/c	6/43	2/35/sh
Washington	14/57	2/35/sh	11/52	0/32/pc
Zurich	6/43	2/35/pc	7/44	3/37/sh

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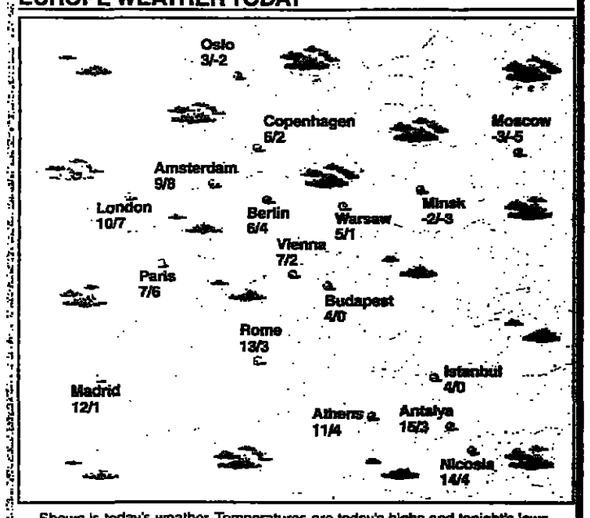
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Mac. Haifa 'keeper Buaron injured in car accident

Zafririm Holon, Betar Jerusalem reach Toto Cup semi finals

By ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Haifa's second-string goalkeeper, Yehuda Buaron, was seriously injured after he was hit by a car on Thursday night, and as of last night was still unconscious in the intensive care unit at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

The burly Buaron suffered severe head and rib-cage injuries after being hit by a passing car as he attempted to cross the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway near his home town of Netanya. He had been dropped off by Haifa coach Daniel Brailowsky and was planning to pick up his own car which he had left parked at a service station near Netanya.

In another tragic event at the weekend, Lior Kabalo, a 14-year-old player with Hapoel Bat Yam's junior team, collapsed and died of heart failure after playing soccer with friends in his neighborhood. he was to have turned out for Bat Yam in a league match yesterday. The funeral will be held today.

In Toto Cup action yesterday, Betar Jerusalem and Zafririm Holon joined Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Haifa in the semi-finals of the competition after registering convincing wins.

Betar overwhelmed Maccabi Petah Tikva 3-0 through a goal by Stefan Salloi and two more by Ofer Shitrit, while Holon beat Maccabi Herzliya 2-0, the goals scored by Gyorgy Drasilia and Marco Ben-Baruch, who also missed a late penalty.

The semi-finals will be played on Tuesday at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan with Maccabi Tel Aviv, who finished the group stage with a 100 percent record, taking on Holon, followed by Hapoel Haifa v. Betar.

In other matches this weekend, it was Hapoel Beit She'an 4, Hapoel Petah Tikva 3; Hapoel Haifa 3, Hapoel Jerusalem 2; Maccabi Haifa 3, Ironi Ashdod 0; Bnei Yehuda 0, Maccabi Tel Aviv 1; Hapoel Tel Aviv 2, Ironi Rishon 1 and Maccabi Jaffa 1, Hapoel Kfar Sava 2.

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Muralitharan victory joy after throwing despair

ADELAIDE (Reuters) – Despair turned to delight for Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan as he hit the winning run against England after being no-balled for throwing in their triangular series match yesterday.

Sri Lanka snatched a one-wicket win with two deliveries of their 50 overs to spare in the day-night game, making 303 for nine after England scored 302 for three.

Muralitharan was called for throwing by Australian umpire Ross Emerson at square leg, prompting captain Arjuna Ranatunga to lead his team off the field in protest.

Emerson no-balled Muralitharan in his second over, the 18th of the game, with England at 97 for one.

Ranatunga and his players, who had walked to the side of the ground, returned to the middle about 12 minutes later after consulting with Sri Lankan cricket officials in Colombo.

Discussions also took place with the match referee Peter van der Merwe and the umpires.

Emerson had previously called Muralitharan for throwing during Sri Lanka's tour of Australia in 1995-96, but the slow bowler's action was subsequently cleared by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

In an incident-packed game, opener Sanath Jayasuriya hit an explosive 51 and Mahela Jayawardene made a superb 120 to spur Sri Lanka to victory.

Jayawardene, a late replacement for injured vice-captain Aravinda de Silva, was named man of the match.

Sri Lanka started shakily, losing Romesh Kaluwitharana (0) and Marvan Atapattu (3) to be eight for two but then regrouped through Jayasuria, whose 51 came off 36 balls and included six four and two sixes.

Jayasuria and Hashan Tillekeratne put on 60 for the third wicket and Ranatunga, who was booed onto the field, supported Jayawardene effectively with 41.

Sri Lanka, having paced their run chase perfectly, faltered near the finish.

Upal Chandana (25) was eighth out with the total 288 and, in the penultimate over, Roshan Mahanama clipped successive balls from Adam Hollioake to fine leg for four but was run out by Neil Fairbrother for 13 at 298.

Five runs were then needed from nine balls, and Sri Lanka's last pair made the most of a poor final over from medium pacer Vince Wells, with Muralitharan scooping the fourth delivery over Hollioake at cover for a single to secure victory.

Graeme Hick, who struck 126 not out, and Fairbother, with an unbeaten 78, had powered England to what looked a match-winning total.

England lead the series standings on eight points from six games while Australia and Sri Lanka, who both have a match in hand, are on four.

Sri Lanka play Australia in Adelaide today.

ENGLAND

N.Knight run out (Muralitharan)	45
A.Stewart c Ranatunga b Vaas	39
G.Hick not out	126
N.Hussain c Tillekeratne b Jayasuriya	5
N.Fairbrother not out	78
Extras (lb-2 w-4 nb-3)	9
Total (for three wickets, 50 overs)	302

Fall of wickets: 1-64 2-139 3-148
Did not bat: V.Wells, A.Hollioake, M.Eatham, R.Croft, D.Gough, A.Mullally.
Bowling: Vaas 10-0-76-1 (nb-2), Wickremasinghe 9-0-71-0 (w-1), Jayawardene 4-0-24-0 (w-1), Muralitharan 7-0-46-0 (w-1 nb-1), Jayasuriya 10-0-42-1, Chandana 10-0-41-0 (w-1)

SRI LANKA

S.Jayasuriya c Fairbrother b Gough	51
R.Kaluwitharana run out (A.Hollioake)	0
M.Atapattu c Fairbrother b Mullally	3
H.Tillekeratne b Croft	28
M.Jayawardene lbw b Wells	120
A.Ranatunga c Wells b Gough	41
C.Vaas run out (Hussain)	5
U.Chandana c Fairbrother b Wells	25
R.Mahanama run out (Fairbrother)	13
M.Muralitharan not out	2
P.Wickremasinghe not out	2
Extras (lb-9 w-4)	13
Total (for nine wickets, 49.4 overs)	303

Fall of wickets: 1-3 2-8 3-68 4-137 5-223 6-235 7-269 8-286 9-298
Bowling: Gough 10-1-68-2, Mullally 10-0-61-1 (w-1), Hollioake 5-0-45-0, Eatham 10-1-48-0 (w-2), Croft 10-0-42-1, Wells 4.4-0-30-2 (w-1)
Result: Sri Lanka won by one wicket
Man of the match: Mahela Jayawardene

McDyess, Divac and Smith make up their minds, Gugliotta doesn't

NEW YORK (AP) – The signing of Antonio McDyess was expected to unleash a domino effect, but Tom Gugliotta didn't fall into place.

McDyess, the player considered the top free agent on the market, finally made up his mind Friday and signed with the Denver Nuggets despite a last-minute lobbying effort by three members of the Phoenix Suns.

Gugliotta then left Phoenix without signing a contract and headed to Minnesota hoping to meet with Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor. No one was certain what Gugliotta's next move would be, from re-signing with Minnesota to signing with Phoenix to being involved in a sign-and-trade deal that could send him somewhere else.

"We had a lot of positive feedback," Phoenix coach Danny Ainge joked. "but, hey, I had a year of positive feedback from McDyess, too." Also, free agent Vlade Divac signed with the Sacramento Kings while Joe Smith agreed to terms with the Timberwolves, and now it looks like the Suns could be the biggest losers of the post-lockout frenzy if they wind up losing Gugliotta, too.

"I'm very nervous, no question about it," Ainge said.

"We're taking a little bit of a gamble." Rod Strickland remained a no-show Friday as the Washington Wizards started three-a-day workouts.

The point guard and the Wizards remain far apart on a new contract. Strickland and agent David Falk originally demanded $65 million over five years but reportedly lowered that to $55 million Thursday. The Wizards have offered about $30 million over three years.

Washington executive vice president and general manager Wes Unseld said both sides will continue talking.

The trade sending Scottie Pippen to Houston was finally cleared by the league office, allowing the Rockets to then re-sign five of their own free agents.

The pace of player movement stayed steady Friday, with three more trades and dozens of signings.

• Atlanta re-signed Christian Laettner and dealt him to Detroit for Scott Pollard and a draft pick.

• Chicago re-signed Steve Kerr and traded him to San Antonio for Chuck Person and a conditional first-round pick.

• Detroit traded the draft rights to Bonzi Wells to the Portland Trail Blazers for a future first-round pick.

A few teams, such as Sacramento and Detroit, made all their major moves practically at once, while other teams filled out their training camp rosters or added an extra part here or there.

Smith, who reportedly turned down $80 million from Golden State last season before he was dealt to Philadelphia, agreed to a one-year deal with Minnesota for $1.75 million. The deal remained unsigned, however, while Smith waited to see how the Gugliotta situation played out.

Detroit re-signed two of its own free agents, Jerry Stackhouse and Joe Dumars, and added free agents Loy Vaught and Jud Buechler.

Sacramento gave Divac $62.5 million, welcomed Chris Webber to camp and found a way to re-sign Corliss Williamson.

Divac, one of just five active NBA players with 8,000 career points, 5,000 rebounds, 1,500 assists and 1,000 blocks, said he wants to break a streak of 15 consecutive losing seasons by the Kings – a league record.

The Indiana Pacers re-signed Rik Smits, giving him a contract that will average a reported $14 million, the Dallas Mavericks signed Suns free agent center Hot Rod Williams and the Milwaukee Bucks signed the last member of the original Charlotte Hornets, Dell Curry.

In other free agent moves, Seattle signed free agent forward Billy Owens, San Antonio signed forwards Mario Elie and Jerome Kersey, the Trail Blazers signed point guard Greg Anthony, Minnesota signed guard Malik Sealy, the Knicks signed forward Kurt Thomas, Vancouver signed center Cherokee Parks and Utah brought back Thurl Bailey.

The sign-and-trade deal sending Luc Longley to Phoenix still had not been cleared by the league office.

In New York, Latrell Sprewell met with commissioner David Stern and was reinstated. He was expected to begin practicing with the Knicks last night.

The Hornets announced that Glen Rice had undergone successful surgery to remove bone chips from his elbow. He will be out 6-8 weeks.

The Miami Heat brought veteran shooting guard Terry Porter into camp, and he immediately found himself a possible starter after it was learned that last season's starter, Voshon Lenard, will be out 8-10 weeks with a stress fracture in his left leg.

Miami got one small piece of good news – word from the league office that Alonzo Mourning will not have to serve the second game of his two-game suspension for fighting with New York's Larry Johnson during last year's playoffs.

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